

*Annual Report*  
*Town of*  
*Groton*



*Former Groton Resident Daniel Kidder supervised the construction of the "Peppersass"*

**For the Year Ending December 31, 2011**

## Daniel Kidder and “Old Peppersass”

Daniel Kidder was born in Lowell Mass to John and Betsey (Metcalf) Kidder. His parents were both born in Groton NH. John Kidder learned the machinist's trade at an early age, set up the first steam engine that was ever used in the city of Lowell Mass. He worked there until 1844, and returned to Groton and bought the A Buell saw and grist mills. He remodeled the mills, and put in new machinery, and launched out into the manufacture of furniture.

Daniel went to Natick Mass at age of fifteen where he worked at a box factory where he was in charge of the engines. He moved to Franklin where he worked at Aiken Machine Shops for thirteen years, serving most of the time as a superintendent.

In 1867 he became master mechanic on the Mt Washington Railroad which reached it final completion in 1871; Daniel supervised the construction of the first locomotive ever built for that railroad and ran it the first year without an accident. This was an extraordinary record for a project of so experimental a nature, and assured the future success of the railroad. The peculiar nature of the railroad and the construction of the railroad made the challenge of heavy grade, which ranges from two and a half inches per yard to thirteen inches per yard impossible to achieve. To the early railroad projector such grades were deemed impracticable, and they were, with ordinary types of engines. Engines of a novel construction were needed, and Mr. Kidder supervised the entire construction of the first one ever built, called the “Old Peppersass”.

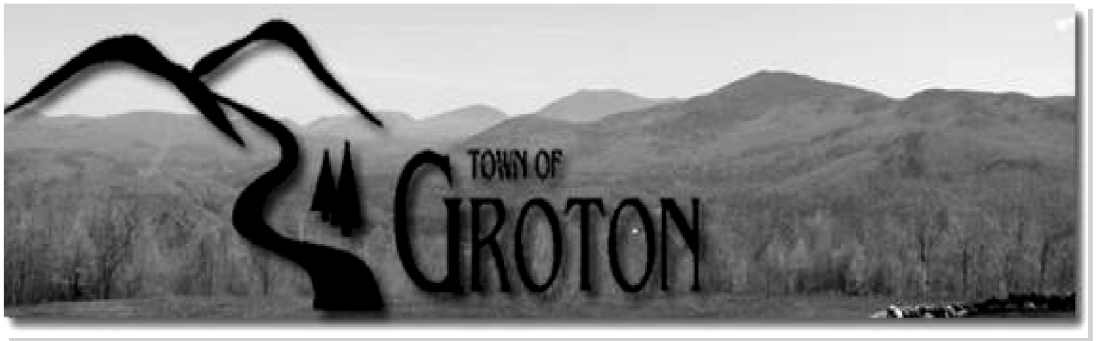
In 1888 he purchased the C F Wheet Mills (this is the stone foundation at the Mary Baker House) at North Groton. He introduced steam power into the mills. He also conducted a small machine shop in the village. Daniel was a member of the firm Wilton and Kidder of North Groton manufactures of trusses and surgical instruments. Daniel and his son Fred owned 600 acres of forest land which they cleared and manufactured into first-class lumber.

Daniel served two terms as town selectmen, thirteen years as treasurer, assistant town clerk for several years and was a justice of the peace in Groton.

Source: Kidder files at Groton Historical Society compiled by Kathy Sobetzer.

# Annual Report

*of the Officers of the*



*(Incorporated December 7, 1796)*

*New Hampshire*  
*Year Ending December 31, 2011*

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## ***Town Officials - Elected, December 31, 2011***

<b>Select Board</b> Kyle Andrews 2014 Ron Madan 2012 Miles Sinclair 2012	<b>Moderator</b> Lou Lieto 2012
<b>Treasurer</b> Darlene Andrews 2013	<b>Trustees of the Trust Fund</b> Alison Bagley 2012 Michele Escobar 2014 Roberta Smolinsky 2013
<b>Town Clerk/Tax Collector</b> Laura Hauser 2012	<b>Library Trustees</b> Christina McClay 2013 Anne Tobine 2014 Joyce Tolman 2012
<b>Planning Board</b> Jennifer Burnett 2013 Russell Carruth 2014 Deb Johnson 2014 Dave LaBar 2012 Celine Richer 2013 Stephen "Slim" Spafford 2012 Sharon Nelson (Clerk) Miles Sinclair (Select Board Liaison)	<b>Zoning Board</b> Patti Bailey 2013 Ken Gould 2014 Frank Grelle 2012 Glen Hansen 2013 Jiri Hajek 2014 Chuck Stata (Alternate) 2014 Christine Weeks (Alternate) 2013
<b>Cemetery Trustees</b> Pamela Hamel 2012 Sharon Nelson 2014 Roberta Smolinsky 2013	<b>Supervisors of the Checklist</b> Rachelle Hamel 2014 Pamela Hamel 2016 Pamela Yinger 2012

## ***Town Officials/Employees - Appointed, December 31, 2011***

<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	<b>Health Officer</b>
Pamela Hamel	Chuck Stata
<b>Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector</b>	<b>Deputy Treasurer</b>
Ann Joyce	Elizabeth Christiansen
<b>Police Chief</b>	<b>Fire Chief/Fire Warden</b>
Joseph Pivrotto	Roger Thompson
<b>Police Officers</b>	<b>Deputy Wardens</b>
Jack Foley EJ Thompson Timothy Vincent	Michael Lemieux Bill Oakley Joe Pivrotto Norm Willey
<b>Emergency Management Director</b>	<b>Transfer Station Superintendent</b>
Mike Lemieux	Joe Koslow
<b>Road Agent Assistants</b>	<b>Transfer Station Attendants</b>
Ron Madan Kevin Wilbur	Daniel Cadigan Ken Gould
<b>Ballot Clerks</b>	<b>Janitorial</b>
Judy Demers Bonnie Lane Helen Santoro	Vickie Kimball

## **Letter from the Groton Select Board**

The year 2011 has come to a close and with it the beginning of construction for the Groton Wind Farm. As a result of a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) agreement negotiated and signed with Groton Wind LLC, quarterly payments begin after commercial operation commences. Starting at \$528,000.00 per year and adjusted 2 ½ percent thereafter during the 15 year PILOT agreement, the Town will see a significant increase in available revenue. It is expected that the Wind Farm will essentially double the Town's valuation, resulting in a doubling of the County taxes. At present this will mean that approximately \$100,000.00 of the \$528,000.00 will go to the County, with the remainder available for the Town to decide how to use. A unique and exciting opportunity to say the least.

Tropical Storm Irene paid a visit in the end of August causing significant erosion damage to our roadways, primarily Sculptured Rocks Road. Our road crew was equal to the challenges faced, both immediately and in the weeks that followed. The Town became eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds to cover 75% of the damage and is currently pursuing mitigation grants in the hopes of improving storm water capacity and avoiding or at least limiting future damage. The Town was able to absorb the initial costs of repair in the existing 2011 budget with no withdrawal from the Disaster Relief Capital Reserve Fund.

The crafting of the 2012 budget has been made more difficult by increases in contract costs, health insurance and ongoing volatility in the price of fuel and heating oil. The Select Board has continued its recent practice of using the unreserved fund balance primarily to retain an adequate emergency reserve, while intending to use the remainder to lower the tax rate as we weather persistent economic challenges. The townspeople will be presented at March Town Meeting with certain warrant articles addressing an aging fleet of Highway Department equipment, as well as repairs/renovations to Town building(s).

We mourn the passing of longtime Transfer Station Attendant Jerry Berry, extend our best wishes to those who have left Town service to pursue new opportunities and welcome those who have filled their former positions. We ask that those with



interest and opportunity consider filling vacant Town positions and extend our thanks to those who presently serve. Our Town needs good people to represent it and becomes a better Town because of it. In closing the Groton Select Board would like to thank you for the honor of allowing us to serve you and wish you well in the coming year.

Groton Select Board

Kyle Andrews, Chairman

Ron Madan

Miles Sinclair

# **Town of Groton Warrant 2012 Annual Meeting**

## **STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE WARRANT FOR 2012 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF GROTON**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Groton in the county of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Groton Town House in said Groton on Tuesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, next, polls to be open at eleven o'clock in the morning until seven o'clock in the evening for voting on Article 1, and meeting for action on the remaining articles in the Warrant on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March at nine o'clock in the morning at the Groton Town House.

### **BALLOT ARTICLES MARCH 13, 2012**

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

### **DELIBERATIVE SESSION MARCH 17, 2012**

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a 5 year lease agreement for **one hundred forty-eight thousand, seven hundred eighty-seventy dollars (\$148,787)** for the purpose of leasing a new plow truck for the highway department, the amount received from the trade of the 1998 International Truck will reduce the amount of the lease agreement, and to further raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-eight thousand, four hundred eight dollars (\$28,408) for the first years' payment for that purpose. *This lease contains an escape clause.*

**The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 3 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **seventy-four thousand, two hundred forty dollars (\$74,240)** for the purpose of purchasing a new Backhoe for the highway department, to be offset by authorizing the transfer of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2011 and the remaining balance to come from the Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund with any funds received from the trade in value from the 1995 Ford Backhoe to be used to offset the amount withdrawn from the Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve fund, and no amount to be raised through taxation.

**The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for the purchase of a used backhoe for the Highway Department, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the transfer of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) from the Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, and further authorizing the transfer of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2011. This article will be null and void if Article 3 passes.

**The Select Board Recommends This Article 2-1**

ARTICLE 5: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five hundred forty-five thousand, six hundred nineteen dollars (\$545,619)** which represents the **Operating Budget** for the ensuing year. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed.

**The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the repair of Groton paved roads.

**The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town to vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand, two hundred dollars (\$5,200) for the purchase of approximately ½ acre of land to expand the River Road Cemetery. Cost includes all expenses associated with the purchase of land and the lot line adjustment.

**The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue a one hundred three (103) foot portion of Hardy Country Road, a Class VI road, which portion is the easterly branch of the “Y” intersection with Sculptured Rocks Road (the westerly branch being a private road); and further to accept the dedication of a relocated entrance for Hardy Country Road between the balance of that road and Sculptured Rocks Road, creating a “T” intersection between the two roads. The new portion of Hardy Country Road shall also be a Class VI highway constructed to the satisfaction of the Select Board at the sole expense of Maxam EXPX2.

**The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for deposit into the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2011 balance: \$6,020.57)

**The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for deposit into the Truck/Sander Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2011 balance: \$31,972.50)

**The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for deposit into the Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2011 balance: \$32,459.02)

**The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for deposit into the Disaster Relief Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2011 balance: \$47,957.14)

**The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for deposit into the Atwell/Orange Brook Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2011 balance: \$30,958.37)

**The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for deposit into the Fire & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2011 balance: \$50,724.73)

**The Select Board Do Not Recommend This Article**

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for deposit into the Perambulation Non Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2011 balance: \$5,020.87)

**The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the purpose of repairing and maintaining Province Road.

**The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) for support of the Newfound Lake Region Association (NLRA).

**The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 18: To see in the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred fifty dollars (\$650) for deposit in the Conservation Fund, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the transfer of six hundred fifty dollars (\$650) from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2011. This sum represents the balance of the 2011 appropriation for conservation.

**The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of providing public safety services, specifically police department public relations and officer training. All police revenues will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town's general fund unreserved balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the police chief and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created.

**The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for repairs and maintenance of the Town House, and to fund this appropriation by withdrawing five thousand dollars (\$5,000) from the Town House Capital Reserve Fund and the balanced of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to come from general taxation. (Dec. 31, 2011 Town House Capital Reserve Fund balance: \$18,049.36)

**The Select Board Recommend This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for the purchase and installation of two steel doors for the police department and the removal of the police teller window.

**The Select Board Recommend This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand, five hundred dollars (\$8,500) for the purpose of providing a comparable wage adjustment, \$1,165 of which would be allocated to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, with the balance divided up per hour between the Administrative Assistant, the Road Agent and the Road Agent Assistants.

**The Select Board Recommend this Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) for the purchase of radios for the highway and fire departments, with four thousand, five hundred dollars (\$4,500) to come from grant money and the balance of four thousand, five hundred dollars (\$4,500) to come from general taxation. Funding of this article is contingent on the town receiving the offsetting grant money.

**The Select Board Recommend This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Assessing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand, five hundred dollars (\$6,500) to be placed in this fund, and to further appoint the Select Board as agents to expend from the fund.

**The Select Board Recommend This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2012.

**GROTON SELECT BOARD**

Kyle Andrews, Chairman

Ron Madan

Miles Sinclair

TOWN OF GROTON - FINANCIAL STATEMENT									
						Proposed 2012 Budget	2011 Actual	Approved 2011 Budget	
II - EXPENDITURES (TOTAL)						796,617	555,578.26	591,719	
OPERATING BUDGET						545,619	494,482.86	526,978	
SPECIAL & INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES						250,998	61,095.40	64,741	
						\$ 230,853	193,438.31	\$ 234,690	
4130						47,674	44,717.08	45,002	
	4130.1					32,000	31,225.00	31,400	
	4130.2	Administrative Assistant Wages				9,000	8,812.36	9,000	
	4130.3	Selectmen Stipend				623	0.00	1	
	4130.4	Moderator/Assistant Salary				1	0.00	1	
	4130.5	Other Town Meeting Expense				150	102.50	150	
	4130.6	Contracted Services(Web hosting)				150	110.00	150	
	4130.7	Workshops & Seminars				1,250	856.46	1,250	phone expenditure reduced
	4130.8	Telephone/Internet				350	269.50	400	by a 2010 credit
	4130.9	Mileage				1,000	807.69	1,000	
	4130.9	Supplies				800	658.66	800	
	4130.10	Postage				50	0.00	50	
	4130.11	Furniture / Fixtures				600	1,522.39	600	
	4130.12	Office Equipment Maintenance				200	205.00	200	
	4130.13	Hiring Expenses				100	147.52		
	4130.14	Other Expenses (CU recordings, etc.)				200			Grafton county recordings
	4130.15	Computer software maintenance				1,200			
	4130.16	Computer							
4140						44,440	38,035.50	42,750	
	4140.1	ELECTION/REGIST/VITAL STATS				25,460	24,960.00	24,960	
	4140.2	Town Clerk/Tax Collector Salary				4,000	2,830.00	6,000	
	4140.2	Deputy Wages				40	40.00	100	
	4140.3	Town Clerk/Tax Collector Dues				1,000	983.89	1,000	
	4140.4	Town Clerk Expenses				1,500	1,321.60	1,500	
	4140.5	Tax Collector Expenses				1,000	759.00	950	
	4140.6	Workshops & Seminars				750	673.02	750	
	4140.7	Telephone/Internet				2,200	1,699.48	1,800	
	4140.8	Computer Maintenance/Software				74	0.00	60	
	4140.9	Advertising							



	4140.10	Supplies/Advertising Election							
	4140.11	Supplies-General				350	365.72	350	
	4040.12	Postage				1,000	1,084.73	700	
	4140.15	Ballot Clerks				1,500	1,253.75	1,600	
	4140.16	Checklist Supervisors				1,836	490.00	500	
	4140.17	Mileage				2,270	542.50	1,000	
						1,460	1,031.81	1,480	
<b>4150</b>		<b>FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION</b>				<b>18,135</b>	<b>28,008.43</b>	<b>28,635</b>	
	4150.1	Financial Reporting (Town Report)				900	768.83	1,000	
	4150.2	Auditing				3,900	3,701.00	3,800	
	4150.3	Assessing				10,500	20,797.16	21,000	
	4150.4	Treasurer Salary				2,700	2,700.00	2,700	
	4150.5	Deputy Treasurer Salary				50	0.00	50	
	4150.6	Mileage				65	33.44	65	
	4150.7	Supplies				20	8.00	20	
<b>4153</b>		<b>LEGAL EXPENSES</b>				<b>13,500</b>	<b>8,908.25</b>	<b>15,500</b>	
	4153.1	Claims, Judgments and/or Settlements				1,000	72.00	1,000	
	4153.2	Attorney Fees - General Advice				3,500	1,849.82	3,500	
	4153.3	Attorney Fees-Junkyard Compliance				6,000	3,359.32	8,000	
	4153.4	Junkyard Compliance				3,000	3,627.11	3,000	
<b>4155</b>		<b>PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION</b>				<b>59,501</b>	<b>44,135.89</b>	<b>58,600</b>	
	4155.1	Benefits Not Allocated to Other Departments				6,801	2,913.95	10,200	
	4155.2	Health Insurance				41,700	29,866.68	38,400	
	4155.3	FICA				11,000	11,355.26	10,000	
<b>4191</b>		<b>PLANNING AND ZONING</b>				<b>9,526</b>	<b>1,953.40</b>	<b>4,766</b>	
	4191.1	Planning Board Postage				100	131.69	250	
	4191.2	Planning Board Advertisement				250	45.30	250	
	4191.3	Planning Board Mileage				100	0.00	190	
	4191.4	Recording Fees				50	0.00	50	
	4191.5	Planning Board Dues				1	0.00	1	
	4191.6	Planning Board Supplies				50	20.00	50	
	4191.7	Planning Board Seminars/Training				200	0.00	200	
	4191.8	Planning Board Legal				6,500	916.68	1,500	
	4191.9	Zoning Appeals (Legal)				1,500	695.22	1,500	
	4191.10	Zoning Board Seminars				200	0.00	200	
	4191.11	Zoning Postage				175	87.51	175	
	4191.12	Zoning Mileage				100	0.00	100	
	4191.13	Advertising/notices				200	37.00	200	

	4191.1	Zoning Supplies				100	20.00	100
<b>4194</b>		<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS</b>				<b>14,975</b>	<b>12,693.81</b>	<b>14,835</b>
	4194.1	Town Hall Repairs & Maintenance:				1,500	2,462.14	2,000
	4194.2	Town Hall Repairs & Maintenance: Wages				1,800	717.25	1,150
	4194.3	Town Garage Repairs & Maintenance				750	770.99	1,150
	4194.4	Transfer Station Repairs & Maintenance				500	193.36	1,300
	4194.5	Cleaning Supplies				125	62.30	125
	4194.6	General Supplies				300	309.02	300
	4194.7	Contracted Services(Security Monitoring/Elevator)				1,600	1,350.21	1,600
	4194.8	Town House Electric				2,400	2,140.05	2,200
	4194.9	Town House Heat				6,000	4,688.49	5,000
	4194.10	Water Bubbler remove in 2013					0.00	10
<b>4195</b>		<b>CEMETERIES</b>				<b>2,510</b>	<b>1,445.72</b>	<b>2,510</b>
	4195.1	Cemetery Repairs & Maintenance				700	108.00	700
	4195.2	Salaries				1500	1,176.00	1,500
	4195.3	Supplies				100	85.98	100
	4195.4	Mileage				125	55.74	125
	4195.5	Fuel				50	20.00	50
	4195.6	Advertising				35	0.00	35
<b>4196</b>		<b>GENERAL INSURANCE</b>				<b>13,000</b>	<b>11,552.73</b>	<b>13,900</b>
	4196.1	Property & Liability Insurance				7,000	6,636.24	8,900
	4196.2	Workers' Compensation				6,000	4,916.49	5,000
<b>4197</b>		<b>ADVERTISING &amp; REGIONAL ASSOC</b>				<b>1,790</b>	<b>1,537.50</b>	<b>1,790</b>
	4197.1	Advertising				400	199.00	450
	4197.2	Dues				1,390	1,338.50	1,340
<b>4199</b>		<b>OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				<b>5,802</b>	<b>450.00</b>	<b>6,402</b>
	4199.1	Exigent/Hazardous Circumstances				1	0.00	1
	4199.2	Forestry				1	0.00	1
	4199.3	Tax Mapping						
	4199.4 *	Grants:				900	450.00	1,500
						4,900	0.00	4,900
		<b>2 - PUBLIC SAFETY</b>				<b>143,052</b>	<b>115,454.40</b>	<b>129,385</b>
<b>4210</b>		<b>POLICE</b>				<b>90,450</b>	<b>70,963.21</b>	<b>79,202</b>
	4210.1	Police Chief Wages				15,000	15,839.00	44,000
	4210.2	Police Officer Part Time Wages				9,000	25,222.50	12,000
	4210.3	Full Time Wages				36,000		
	4210.4	Telephone/Communications				1,900	1,737.60	1,900
	4210.5	Dues & Subscriptions				500	500.00	350

off set by revenues

	4210.6	Other-Equipment Repairs/Maint							
	4210.7	Office Supplies				350	920.96	350	
	4210.8	NH Special Ops Unit				850	2,242.82	750	
	4210.9	Dispatch Service				2,600	2,600.00	2,600	
	4210.10	Prosecutor				5,000	4,119.50	5,000	
	4210.11	Vehicle Maintenance				3,500	0.00	2,000	
	4210.12	Cruiser Equipment				1,000	1,284.84	1,000	
	4210.13	Uniforms				600	3,396.94	1	
	4210.14	Books/Periodicals				2,000	2,567.39	2,000	
	4210.15	Equipment (guns/ammo/taser etc.)				150	82.90	150	
	4210.16	Mileage				1,200	1,524.90	750	
	4210.17	Postage				750	565.74	750	
	4210.18	Gasoline for Cruiser				100	24.23	100	
	4210.19	Advertising				6,000	4,749.72	3,500	
	4210.20	Training				250	308.80	1	
	4210.21	Animal Control				1,200	1,500.60	1,000	
	4210.22	Special Detail				1,500	1,354.77	1,000	
	4210.23	SOU Stipend				500	420.00	-	offset by revenues
<b>4220</b>		<b>FIRE/AMBULANCE</b>				<b>50,752</b>	<b>44,010.21</b>	<b>48,333</b>	
	4220.1	Administration				100	0.00	100	
	4220.2	Communications/Training				300	0.00	300	
	4220.3	Equipment				500	0.00	500	
	4220.4	Contracted Services - Hebron				31500	28,451.29	31,500	
	4220.5	Contracted Services - Rumney				11000	8,531.60	8,758	
	4220.6	Lakes Region Mutual Aid				7102	6,927.32	6,925	
	4220.7	Dues				100	100.00	100	
	4220.8	Mileage				150	0.00	150	
<b>4290</b>		<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>				<b>1,850</b>	<b>480.98</b>	<b>1,850</b>	
	4290.1	Supplies				100	225.98	100	
	4290.2	Workshops/training				300	0.00	500	
	4290.3	Equipment				550	0.00	750	
	4290.4	Equipment Maintenance				300	0.00	400	
	4290.5	Mileage				100	0.00	100	
	4290.6	Wages (emergency)				500	255.00		
		<b>3 - HIGHWAYS AND STREETS</b>				<b>96,401</b>	<b>125,504.13</b>	<b>89,076</b>	
<b>4311</b>		<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>				<b>46,775</b>	<b>46,334.87</b>	<b>43,800</b>	
	4311.1	Road Agent Wages				25,000	24,078.50	24,000	incl Irene wages, \$2,895.35
	4311.2	Assistants Wages				16,500	17,736.25	15,000	incl. Irene wages, \$2,841.47

	4311.3	Telephone					900	903.41	1,000	
	4311.4	Training & CDL Testing					350	205.00	350	
	4311.5	Electricity					700	571.35	700	
	4311.6	Heating Fuel					3,200	2,674.20	2,600	
	4311.7	Mileage					50	87.84	50	
	4311.8	Membership/Dues					25	25.00	50	
	4311.9	Office Supplies					50	53.32	50	
<b>4312</b>		<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>					<b>48,526</b>	<b>78,186.03</b>	<b>44,176</b>	
	4312.1	Vehicle Cleaning & Maintenance					900	1,355.09	900	
	4312.2	Highway Vehicles-Equipment Repairs					9000	11,048.80	9,000	
	4312.3	Equipment Rentals					3000	1,072.50	3,500	
	4312.4	Material					2000	1,268.76	2,500	
	4312.5	Signs					400	732.59	250	
	4312.6	Uniforms					25	19.00	25	
	4312.7	Tools & Equipment Purchases					1500	438.10	500	
	4312.8	Gas					600	530.76	400	
	4312.9	Diesel					13500	14,031.47	9,000	Includes Irene fuel
	4312.10	Salt, Sand, Deicer					15000	14,734.32	15,000	
	4312.11	Hydrants					1	0.00	1	
	4312.12	Culverts					1500	822.00	1,500	
	4312.13	Safety					600	236.03	600	
	4312.14	Tree Maintenance					500	0.00	1,000	
	4311.15	Hurricane Irene						31,896.61		does not include Irene wages
<b>4316</b>		<b>STREET LIGHTING</b>					<b>1,100</b>	<b>983.23</b>	<b>1,100</b>	
	4316.1	Utility Charges					1,100	983.23	1,100	
		<b>4 - SANITATION</b>					<b>53,231</b>	<b>44,991.64</b>	<b>52,006</b>	
<b>4321</b>		<b>MONITORING</b>					<b>5,106</b>	<b>2,349.90</b>	<b>5,006</b>	\$2,600 Andover Geologic expenses encumbered to 2011
	4321.1	Landfill Monitoring					5,106	2,349.90	5,006	
<b>4324</b>		<b>SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL</b>					<b>48,125</b>	<b>42,641.74</b>	<b>47,000</b>	
	4324.1	Wages					11,500	10,579.18	13,000	
	4324.2	Stipend					3,000	2,710.32	3,000	
	4324.3	Telephone					400	354.57	400	
	4324.4	Training & Certification					250	175.00	250	
	4324.5	Electricity					1,400	1,349.01	1,200	
	4324.6	Propane					800	500.32	800	
	4324.7	Supplies					175	157.34	175	
	4324.8	Compactor Related Expenses					2,000	0.00	2,000	

	4324.9	Mileage				200	0.00	150
	4324.1	Dues				675	600.63	900
	4324.11	Portable Toilet				1,400	1,320.00	1,400
	4324.12	Transportation Costs/Solid Waste				23,000	22,184.47	21,000
	4324.13	Recycle Costs				2,300	2,108.09	1,600
	4324.14	Uniforms				25	0.00	25
	4324.15	Safety				600	179.98	600
	4324.16	Frig/tire disposal				200	230.50	500
	4324.17	Other (brush hog rental, etc.)				200	192.33	
		<b>6 - HEALTH</b>				<b>6,225</b>	<b>4,943.59</b>	<b>6,644</b>
<b>4411</b>		<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>				<b>2,930</b>	<b>1,429.59</b>	<b>3,130</b>
	4411.1	Stipend				1,250	1,250.00	1,250
	4411.2	Supplies/Postage				100	54.59	100
	4411.3	Mileage				200	0.00	400
	4411.4	Training				100	40.00	100
	4411.5	Dues				100	85.00	100
	4411.6	Water Testing				180	0.00	180
	4411.7	Legal				1,000	0.00	1,000
<b>4415</b>		<b>HEALTH AGENCIES AND HOSPITALS</b>				<b>3,295</b>	<b>3,514.00</b>	<b>3,514</b>
	4415.1	Plymouth Regional Clinic				100	100.00	100
	4415.2	Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency				2,295	2,295.00	2,295
	4415.3	Task Force / Domestic Violence				500	500.00	500
	4415.4	Genesis Behavioral Health				400	619.00	619
		<b>7 - WELFARE</b>				<b>8,293</b>	<b>3,826.13</b>	<b>7,293</b>
<b>4442</b>		<b>DIRECT ASSISTANCE</b>				<b>600</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,600</b>
	4442.1	Direct Assistance				600	0.00	1,600
<b>4444</b>		<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL WELFARE PAYMENT</b>				<b>1693</b>	<b>1,693.00</b>	<b>1693</b>
	4444.1	Tri-County Community Action				1543	1,543.00	1543
	4444.2	Grafton County Senior Citizens				150	150.00	150
<b>4445</b>		<b>VENDOR PAYMENTS</b>				<b>6000</b>	<b>2,133.13</b>	<b>4000</b>
	4445.1	Other Vendor Payments				6000	2,133.13	4000
		<b>8 - CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>				<b>7,564</b>	<b>6,324.66</b>	<b>7,884</b>
<b>4520</b>		<b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b>				<b>4314</b>	<b>3,824.66</b>	<b>4634</b>
	4520.1	Maintenance of Parks				800	656.91	920
	4520.2	Maintenance of Recreational Facilities				50	0.00	50
	4520.3	Porta Potty				900	683.75	1,100

	4520.4	Advertising				80	0.00	80	
	4520.5	Tapply Thompson Community Center				2,484	2,484.00	2,484	
<b>4550</b>		<b>LIBRARY</b>				<b>2,500</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>	<b>2,500</b>	
	4550.1	Wages				2,000	0.00	2,000	
	4550.2	Library Other				500	2,500.00	500	
<b>4583</b>		<b>PATRIOTIC PURPOSES</b>				<b>100</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100</b>	
	4583.1	Town Events				100	0.00	100	
<b>4611</b>		<b>CONSERVATION</b>				<b>650</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>650</b>	
	4611.11	Other/Fishing Derby				550	0.00	550	
	4611.2	Workshops/seminars/dues				100	0.00	100	
	4611.3	Postage/supplies				0	0.00	0	
		<b>13 - CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>				<b>209,498</b>	<b>30,145.40</b>	<b>33,791</b>	
<b>4902</b>		<b>MACHINERY, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT</b>				<b>142,648</b>			
<b>4903</b>		<b>BUILDINGS</b>				<b>13,000</b>	<b>1,776.00</b>	<b>2,500</b>	
<b>4909</b>		<b>IMPROVEMENTS OTHER THAN BUILDINGS</b>				<b>53,850</b>	<b>28,369.40</b>	<b>31,291</b>	
		<b>14 - INTERFUND TRANSFERS OUT</b>				<b>41,500</b>	<b>30,950</b>	<b>30,950</b>	
<b>4915</b>		<b>TRANSFERS TO THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUN</b>				<b>41,500</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>30,000</b>	
<b>4916</b>		<b>TRANSFERS TO EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS</b>				<b>0</b>	<b>950.00</b>	<b>950</b>	

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN

OF: Groton

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012

or Fiscal Year From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

## **IMPORTANT:**

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. All proposed appropriations must be on this form.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below within 20 days after the meeting.

This form was posted with the warrant on (Date): February 22, 2012

### **GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)**

*Please sign in ink.*

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Kyle Andrews

Ron Madan

Miles Sinclair

**THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT**

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION  
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487  
(603)230-5090

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>						
4130-4139	Executive	5	45,002.00	44,717.08	47,674.00	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	5	42,750.00	38,035.50	44,440.00	
4150-4151	Financial Administration	5	28,635.00	28,008.43	18,135.00	
4152	Revaluation of Property					
4153	Legal Expense	5	15,500.00	8,908.25	13,500.00	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	5	58,600.00	44,135.89	59,501.00	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	5	4,766.00	1,953.40	9,526.00	
4194	General Government Buildings	5	14,835.00	12,693.81	14,975.00	
4195	Cemeteries	5	2,510.00	1,445.72	2,510.00	
4196	Insurance	5	13,900.00	11,552.73	13,000.00	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	5	1,790.00	1,537.50	1,790.00	
4199	Other General Government	5	6,402.00	450.00	5,802.00	
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>						
4210-4214	Police	5	79,202.00	70,963.21	90,450.00	
4215-4219	Ambulance					
4220-4229	Fire	5	48,333.00	44,010.21	50,752.00	
4240-4249	Building Inspection					
4290-4298	Emergency Management	5	1,850.00	480.98	1,850.00	
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)					
<b>AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER</b>						
4301-4309	Airport Operations					
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>						
4311	Administration	5	43,800.00	46,334.87	46,775.00	
4312	Highways & Streets	5	44,176.00	78,186.03	48,526.00	
4313	Bridges					
4316	Street Lighting	5	1,100.00	983.23	1,100.00	
4319	Other					
<b>SANITATION</b>						
4321	Administration	5	5,006.00	2,349.90	5,106.00	
4323	Solid Waste Collection	5	47,000.00	42,641.74	48,125.00	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal					
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up					
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other					



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<b>WATER DISTRIBUTION &amp; TREATMENT</b>						
4331	Administration					
4332	Water Services					
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv.& Other					
<b>ELECTRIC</b>						
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation					
4353	Purchase Costs					
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance					
4359	Other Electric Costs					
<b>HEALTH</b>						
4411	Administration	5	3,130.00	1,429.59	2,930.00	
4414	Pest Control					
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	5	3,514.00	3,514.00	3,295.00	
<b>WELFARE</b>						
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.	5	1,600.00	0.00	600.00	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymts	5	1,693.00	1,693.00	1,693.00	
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other	5	4,000.00	2,133.13	6,000.00	
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>						
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	5	4,634.00	3,824.66	4,314.00	
4550-4559	Library	5	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	
4583	Patriotic Purposes	5	100.00	0.00	100.00	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation					
<b>CONSERVATION</b>						
4611-4612	Admin.& Purch. of Nat. Resources					
4619	Other Conservation	5	650.00	0.00	650.00	
<b>DEVELOPMENT</b>						
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing					
4651-4659	Economic Development					
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>						
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes					
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes					
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes					
4790-4799	Other Debt Service					

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<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>						
4901	Land					
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment					
4903	Buildings					
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.					
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b>						
4912	To Special Revenue Fund					
4913	To Capital Projects Fund					
4914	To Enterprise Fund					
	- Sewer					
	- Water					
	- Electric					
	- Airport					
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds					
4919	To Fiduciary Funds					
<b>OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL</b>			<b>526,978.00</b>	<b>494,482.86</b>	<b>545,619.00</b>	

Use page 5 for special and individual warrant articles.

**\*\*SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES\*\***

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3,VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

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4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	9,10,11,12,13 14,15,	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$5,000
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund		\$950	\$950		
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds					
4915	Assessing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund	24			\$6,500	
<b>SPECIAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED</b>			<b>\$30,950</b>	<b>\$30,950</b>	<b>36,500</b>	<b>5,000</b>

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". Individual warrant articles might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

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4902	Truck for Highway Department	2			\$28,408	
4902	New Backhoe	3			\$74,240	
4902	Used Backhoe	4			\$40,000	
4903	Town House Repairs	20			\$10,000	
4903	Metal Doors	21			\$3,000	
4909	Repair Paved Roads	6	\$20,000	\$19,939.73	\$25,000	
4909	Cemetery Land	7			\$5,200	
4909	Province Road	16	\$3,500	\$988.00	\$5,000	
4909	NLRA	17	\$500	\$500.00	\$500	
4909	Conservation Commission	18	\$322	\$0.00	\$650	
4909	Comparable Wage Increase	22			\$8,500	
4909	Radios	23			\$9,000	
	Under Drainage, North Groton Road		\$4,500	\$4,493.50		
	Filing Cabinets		\$2,500	\$1,776.00		
	2% Cola		\$2,469	\$2,436.77		
<b>INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED</b>			<b>\$33,791</b>		<b>\$209,498</b>	

**\*\*INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES\*\***

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Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
<b>TAXES</b>					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund		1,000	380	75,000
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		28,600	28,600.74	15,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		22,000	22,697.59	20,000
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		0	0	0
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b>					
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		70	105	105
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		78,000	78,726	78,000
3230	Building Permits		200	285	250
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		3,922	4,330.37	4,000
<b>3311-3319</b>	<b>FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		576	576.44	27,486
<b>FROM STATE</b>					
3351	Shared Revenues		0	0	0
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		26,474	26,473.72	26,000
3353	Highway Block Grant		25,463	25,463.18	22,907
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		742	742.38	740
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (North Groton Road Reimbursement, Grants, etc)	23	18,000	19,370.93	19,500
<b>3379</b>	<b>FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS</b>				
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>					
3401-3406	Income from Departments		2,286	4,163.59	4,000
3409	Other Charges		650	525.25	500
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property				
3502	Interest on Investments				
3503-3509	Other		193	1,166.62	50,500

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Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	3,4,20			49,240
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds				
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>					
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amount Voted From Fund Balance	3,4,18	950	950	70,650
	Estimated Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes			130,000	
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE &amp; CREDITS</b>				339,126	463,878

**\*\*BUDGET SUMMARY\*\***

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)	<b>\$526,978</b>	<b>545,619</b>
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	30,950	36,500
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	33,791	209,498
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	591,719	791,617
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	339,126	463,878
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	252,593	327,739

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**For the Municipality of GROTON Year Ending 12/31/2011**DEBITS**

UNCOLLECTED TAXES AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR*		LEVY FOR YEAR 2011	PRIOR LEVIES		
			2010	2009	2008+
Property Taxes	#3110	xxxxxx	\$ 126,660.39	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	#3180	xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120	xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	#3185	xxxxxx	\$ 3,660.60	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	#3189	xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes		xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Prior Years' Credits Balance**		\$ 0.00			
This Year's New Credits		( \$ 267.73 )			

**TAXES COMMITTED THIS FISCAL YEAR**

Property Taxes	#3110	\$ 871,844.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	#3180	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120	\$ 380.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	#3185	\$ 40.05	\$ 11,150.23
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	#3189	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

**FOR DRA USE ONLY****OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS**

Property Taxes	#3110				
Resident Taxes	#3180				
Land Use Change	#3120				
Yield Taxes	#3185				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187				
Credits Refunded		\$ 93.78	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	\$ 1,177.73	\$ 12,260.69	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>		<b>\$ 873,267.83</b>	<b>\$ 153,731.91</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

\*This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

\*\*Enter as a negative. This is the amount of this year's taxes pre-paid last year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a.

\*\*The amount is already included in the warrant and therefore in line #3110 as a positive amount for this year's levy.

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION  
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487  
(603)271-3397

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**For the Municipality of GROTON Year Ending 12/31/2011**CREDITS**

REMITTED TO TREASURER	LEVY FOR YEAR	PRIOR LEVIES		
	2011	2010	2009	2008+
Property Taxes	\$ 758,939.43	\$ 80,700.50	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 380.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$ 40.05	\$ 10,610.59	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest & Penalties	\$ 1,177.73	\$ 12,260.69	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Converted To Liens (Principal only)	\$ 0.00	\$ 45,935.23	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Discounts Allowed	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Prior Year Overpayments Assigned	\$ 0.00			

**ABATEMENTS MADE**

Property Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 24.66	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,200.24	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>CURRENT LEVY DEEDED</b>	<b>\$ 190.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

**UNCOLLECTED TAXES -- END OF YEAR #1080**

Property Taxes	\$ 112,714.57	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Property Tax Credit Balance*	( \$ 173.95 )	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$ 873,267.83</b>	<b>\$ 153,731.91</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

\*Enter as a negative. This is the amount of taxes pre-paid for next year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a.

(Be sure to indicate a positive amount in the Property Taxes actually remitted to the treasurer.)

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**For the Municipality of GROTON Year Ending 12/31/2011**DEBITS**

UNREDEEMED & EXECUTED LIENS	2011	PRIOR LEVIES		
		2010	2009	2008+
Unredeemed Liens Beginning of FY		\$ 0.00	\$ 71,139.27	\$ 34,036.04
Liens Executed During FY	\$ 0.00	\$ 52,649.81	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Unredeemed Elderly Liens Beg. of FY		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Elderly Liens Executed During FY	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest & Costs Collected	\$ 0.00	\$ 272.14	\$ 5,777.94	\$ 9,909.03
<b>TOTAL LIEN DEBITS</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 52,921.95</b>	<b>\$ 76,917.21</b>	<b>\$ 43,945.07</b>

**CREDITS**

REMITTED TO TREASURER		2011	PRIOR LEVIES		
			2010	2009	2008+
Redemptions		\$ 0.00	\$ 8,410.19	\$ 36,315.38	\$ 30,263.28
Interest & Costs Collected	#3190	\$ 0.00	\$ 272.14	\$ 5,777.94	\$ 9,909.03
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality		\$ 0.00	\$ 470.15	\$ 254.74	\$ 463.77
Unredeemed Liens End of FY	#1110	\$ 0.00	\$ 43,769.47	\$ 34,569.15	\$ 3,308.99
Unredeemed Elderly Liens End of FY		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL LIEN CREDITS</b>		<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 52,921.95</b>	<b>\$ 76,917.21</b>	<b>\$ 43,945.07</b>

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a) ? \_\_\_\_\_

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Laura J Hauser



## **Town Clerk's Report**

**January 1, 2011-December 31, 2011**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Motor Vehicle Permits	\$78,726.00
Auto Title Fees	\$224.00
Municipal Agent Fees	\$2,147.50
Application Filing Fees	\$140.00
NSF Fees	\$35.00
Building Permit Fees	\$285.00
Candidate Filing Fees	\$7.00
Copies: Select Board	\$499.75
Copies: Town Clerk	\$25.50
Current Use Recording Fees	\$81.76
Dog Licenses	\$1,203.00
Dog Fines	\$50.00
Driveway Permits	\$30.00
E-Registration Log Fees	\$33.85
Junkyard License Fees	\$105.00
Donations	\$7.50
Planning/Zoning Board Fees	\$343.26
Police Revenue & Pistol Permits	\$1,108.00
Refunds	\$36.83
Reimbursement for NSF	\$63.50
Transfer Station Fees	\$1,447.62
Transfer Station Recycling Refunds	\$1,218.25
Vital Records	\$185.00
Voter Checklist	\$25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$88,028.32</b>

## **Treasurer's Report**

**January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011**

### **CHECKING ACCOUNT:**

<b>Beginning Balance on January 1, 2011</b>	<b>\$ 188,863.65</b>
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$ 1,187,092.16</b>
<b>Total Orders Paid</b>	<b>\$ (1,159,694.30)</b>
<b>Total Bank Interest</b>	<b>\$ 25.76</b>

### **Deposits:**

<b>Tax Collector</b>	<b>\$ 949,453.59</b>
<b>Town Clerk</b>	<b>\$ 88,028.32</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	
Construction Period Payment-Wind Farm	\$ 50,000.00
Fema	\$ 10,500.00
Forest Reimbursement	\$ 742.38
Highway Block Grants	\$ 25,463.18
LGC Refund - Backhoe	\$ 549.50
LGC Refund - Insurance	\$ 5,583.75
LGC Refund - Workers Comp.	\$ 480.31
LGC Reimbursement - Rental Expense	\$ 1,308.00
N. Groton Rd. Reimbursement	\$ 19,370.93
Old Home Day	\$ 281.25
Police Refund	\$ 229.72
Pro Rate Share-Hse.B2,Ch.224-Police/Fire	\$ 30.72
Radios and Installation (Grant)	\$ 2,921.25
Reimbursement - Legal Fees	\$ 455.20
Reimbursement - Soccer Net and Bases	\$ 195.02
Restitution	\$ 2,956.23
Road Toll Refund	\$ 156.06
Rooms and Meals Tax	\$ 26,473.72
SOR Registration Fees	\$ 10.00
State Match Disasters	\$ 1,813.03
UCC Quarterly Allocation	\$ 90.00
<b>Total Treasurer Deposits</b>	<b>\$ 149,610.25</b>

**Adjustments:**

Building Supplies	\$	(83.04)
Capital Fund Transfer-Old Home Day	\$	(145.76)
Capital Reserve Transfer (see MS-9)	\$	(30,000.00)
Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund (see MS-9)	\$	(950.00)
NSF Checks	\$	(906.99)
Office Supplies/Equipment	\$	(423.07)
Old Home Day	\$	(95.19)
PDIP Contributions	\$	(556,000.00)
PDIP Transfers	\$	431,500.00
Post Office	\$	(123.75)
Voided Checks	\$	1,223.42
<b>Total Adjustments</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(156,004.38)</b>

**Ending Balance on December 31, 2011**

On Hand In Meredith Village Savings Bank	\$	<b>60,282.89</b>
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**Public Deposit Investment Pool**

<b>Beginning Balance - January 1, 2011</b>	\$	196,789.30
<b>Total Contributions</b>	\$	556,000.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	\$	(431,500.00)
<b>Interest Earned</b>	\$	176.33
<b>Ending Balance on December 31, 2011</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>321,465.63</b>

## **Groton Conservation Fund**

<b>Beginning Balance on January 1, 2011</b>	\$	1,936.88
<b>Total Deposits</b>	\$	1,677.84
<b>Total Checks</b>	\$	-
<b>Total Bank Interest</b>	\$	-
<b>Ending Balance on December 31, 2011</b>	\$	<b>3,614.72</b>
On Hand in Meredith Village Savings Bank		

## **Parks and Recreation Revolving Fund**

<b>Beginning Balance on January 1, 2011</b>	\$	2,315.88
<b>Total Deposits</b>	\$	1,144.03
<b>Total Checks</b>	\$	(204.87)
<b>Total Bank Interest</b>	\$	1.32
<b>Ending Balance on December 31, 2011</b>	\$	<b>3,256.36</b>
On Hand in Meredith Village Savings Bank		

# 2011 Report of the Trust Funds for the Town Of Groton

Trustees: Michelle Escobar, Alison Bagley

Date of Creation	NAME OF TRUST FUND	Purpose of Trust	HOW Invested: Bank, deposits, %	***PRINCIPAL***		***PRINCIPAL***		INCOME				Grand Total Principal & Income End of Year	
				Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Beginning of Year	During Year		Balance at End of Year		
									Amount				
7/1963	Cemetery Fund	Maint.	NHDDIP	30.3	\$ 231.98		\$ 231.98	\$ 519.15			\$ 0.48	\$ 519.63	\$ 751.61
7/1978	Tercentennial	CRF	NHDDIP	23.5	\$ 180.00		\$ 180.00	\$ 402.65			0.37	\$ 403.02	\$ 583.02
1924	Cyrus Blood	PC	NHDDIP	10.5	\$ 80.00		\$ 80.00	\$ 179.91			0.17	\$ 180.08	\$ 260.08
4/1915	George Hall	PC	NHDDIP	13.1	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 224.82			0.21	\$ 225.03	\$ 325.03
11/1994	DiMichelle	PC	NHDDIP	6.3	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 104.33			0.09	\$ 104.42	\$ 154.42
1995	Gilchrist	PC	NHDDIP	6.5	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 111.36			0.10	\$ 111.46	\$ 161.46
1997	A.Campbell	PC	NHDDIP	3.3	\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00	\$ 56.47			0.05	\$ 56.52	\$ 81.52
1997	DiMichelle	PC	NHDDIP	3.3	\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00	\$ 56.47			0.05	\$ 56.52	\$ 81.52
1997	R.Bourque	PC	NHDDIP	3.3	\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00	\$ 56.47			0.05	\$ 56.52	\$ 81.52
6/1989	Truck Sander Fund	CRF	NHDDIP		\$ 21,176.19	5,000.00	\$ 26,176.19	\$ 5,776.56			19.75	\$ 5,796.31	\$ 31,972.50
7/1989	Dump Site Fund	CRF	NHDDIP		\$ 1,382.37		\$ 1,382.37	\$ 4,706.13			4.34	\$ 4,710.47	\$ 6,092.84
6/1995	Groton Rec. Fund	ETF	NHDDIP		\$ -		\$ -	\$ 790.41			0.00	\$ 790.41	\$ 790.41
1/1991	Policy Cruiser	CRF	NHDDIP		\$ -	5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,020.31			0.26	\$ 1,020.57	\$ 6,020.57
12/1995	Town House	CRF	NHDDIP		\$ 12,500.00	5,000.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 539.82			9.54	\$ 549.36	\$ 18,049.36
12/2011	Old Home Day	ETF	NHDDIP		\$ 481.00	427.01	\$ 561.90	\$ -			0.00	\$ -	\$ 561.90
12/2004	Disaster Relief	CRF	NHDDIP		\$ 39,400.29	5,000.00	\$ 44,400.29	\$ 3,525.63			31.22	\$ 3,556.85	\$ 47,957.14
3/2005	Fire Station & Equip	CRF	NHDDIP		\$ 45,000.00		\$ 45,000.00	\$ 5,688.06			36.67	\$ 5,724.73	\$ 50,724.73
3/2006	Heavy Equip	CRF	NHDDIP		\$ 26,000.00	5,000.00	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 1,438.76			20.26	\$ 1,459.02	\$ 32,459.02
3/2006	Atwell Bridge	CRF	NHDDIP		\$ 25,000.00	5,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 939.39			18.98	\$ 958.37	\$ 30,958.37
7/2007	Conservation	CRF	NHDDIP		\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 4.00			0.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 104.00
1/2009	Preambulation	Non CRF	NHDDIP		\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 17.26			3.61	\$ 20.87	\$ 5,020.87
10/2011	Cemetery Gen. Maint.	ETF	NHDDIP		0	950.00	\$ 950.00	\$ -			0.00	\$ -	\$ 950.00

## **Groton Tax Totals**

Tax Warrant: 2011P02 of 2

Number of Parcels: 741

### **Valuations**

Non-Utility Land Value: 41,486,800

Current Use Credits: (12,731,428)

Non-Utility Improvements Value: 38,084,700

Utility Value: 10,774,800

Exempt Property Value: (2,848,700)

Valuation Before Exemptions: 74,766,172

Exemptions Applied: (40,000)

**Net Valuation: 74,726,172**

Net Non-Utility Valuation: 63,951,372

Net Utility Valuation: 10,774,800

### **Taxes**

**Total Property Tax: 891,754.00**

Veterans Credits Applied: (20,500.00)

Total Tax: 868,280.00

Penalties: 2,974.00

First Bills Minus Abatements: 487,511.00

First Bills Exceeding Total Tax  
Needing Refund: (590.00)

Adjusted First Bills: (486,921.00)

**Total Tax Bills: 384,333.00**

**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION**  
**Municipal Services Division**  
**2011 Tax Rate Calculation**

**TOWN/CITY: GROTON**

Gross Appropriations	591,719	
Less: Revenue	342,799	
Less: Shared Revenues	0	
Add: Overlay	20,058	
War Service Credits	20,500	
Net Town Appropriation	289,478	
Special Adjustment	0	
Approved Town/City Tax Effort	289,478	<b>TOWN RATE</b>
		<b>3.87</b>

**SCHOOL PORTION**

Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp. - Revenue)	0	
Regional School Apportionment	813,667	
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(306,711)	
State Education Taxes	(153,698)	<b>LOCAL</b>
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	353,258	<b>SCHOOL RATE</b>
		<b>4.73</b>

**STATE EDUCATION TAXE**

Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x 2.325		<b>STATE</b>
66,106,642	153,698	<b>SCHOOL RATE</b>
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		<b>2.40</b>
63,960,316		

**COUNTY PORTION**

Due to County	92,465	
Approved County Tax Effort	92,465	<b>COUNTY RATE</b>
		<b>1.24</b>
		<b>TOTAL RATE</b>
		<b>12.24</b>

**PROOF OF RATE**

	Assessed Value	Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	63,960,316	2.40	153,698
All Other Taxes	74,735,116	9.84	735,201
			<b>888,899</b>

## **Local Auditor's Report**

We completed an audit of the Town's financial records and systems as guided by the NH form MS-60, parts 1 & 2. A copy of the completed form is on file with the Selectmen.

Our general conclusion is that the Town's records and systems comply with the requirements embodied within MS-60. We also concluded that the systems of checks and balances functioned properly to allow us to verify in more than one way that disbursements were properly recorded.

We made a few suggestions where we felt that the Town could benefit by improved efficiency and/or reduced likelihood of malicious intent by modifying some procedures. These are under consideration by the Selectmen.

Respectfully,  
Louis R. Lieto  
William Jolly

## **2011 MS-5**

The 2011 MS-5 will be compiled on Friday, March 23 and should be ready for the public within three weeks of that date. The completed document will be posted on the Town's website ([www.town-of-groton.com](http://www.town-of-groton.com)) and at the Town office.



**Schedule of Town Properties as of December 31, 2011**

<b>Map/Lot</b>	<b>Land/ Building</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Valuation</b>	<b>Year Aquired</b>
1-88	L	7.94	Katherine Lane	\$ 30,000	2010 tax deed
1-92	L/B	1.5	67 River Road	\$ 78,100	2006 tax deed
1-96	L/B	7.7	139 River Road	\$ 80,600	2009 tax deed
2-26	L	8.5	Old Rumney Road	\$ 26,700	2011 tax deed
2-123	L	47	North Groton Road	\$ 38,600	2006 tax deed
6-87	L	2	Dodge Road	\$ 26,300	2002 tax deed
6-88	L	1.7	Dodge Road	\$ 25,400	2002 tax deed
7-34	L/B	10	856 & 858 North Groton Road	\$ 165,000	2010 tax deed
7-36	L	3.25	North Groton Road	\$ 32,000	2006 tax deed
10-12	L	0.55	Halls Brook Road	\$ 400	2006 tax deed
10-22	L	50	Old Rumney Road	\$ 57,800	1985 tax deed
10-29	L	5	Halls Brook Road	\$ 11,800	2006 tax deed
10-32	L	6	Halls Brook Road	\$ 14,900	1994 tax deed
1-50-CEM	Bailey Hill Cemetery	0.1	Bailey Hill Road	\$ 15,200	
2-57-CEM	North Groton Cemetery	0.69	North Groton Road	\$ 39,900	
2-62-1	Pond	1.6	North Groton Road	\$ 1,600	
2-114-CEM	River Road Cemetery	0.17	River Road	\$ 22,600	
4-1-CEM	Kimball Hill Cemetery	0.1	Kimball Hill	\$ 12,600	
5-61	L	0.05	North Groton Road, adjacent to Garage	\$ 21,000	1992
5-62	Town Garage & Former Offices	5	63 North Groton Road	\$ 108,500	
5-62-1	Pond	1.6	North Groton Road	\$ 1,600	Entrusted to Conservation Commission, 2008
5-136	Park	6.67	Sculptured Rocks Road	\$ 70,500	
6-55	Transfer Station	11.4	677 North Groton Road	\$ 86,500	
7-54	Town Hall	1	754 North Groton Road	\$ 223,300	
7-54-CEM	Rolfe Hill Cemetery	0.51	North Groton Road	\$ 70,500	

# **Town of Groton Minutes 2011 Annual Meeting**

**MARCH 8, 2011**

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

**The Results are as follows:**

<b>SELECTMAN 3 year term</b>	<b>Kyle E Andrews</b>
<b>TREASURER 3 year term</b>	<b>Darlene J Andrews</b>
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE 3 year term</b>	<b>Anne M Tobine</b>
<b>PLANNING BOARD 3 year term</b>	<b>Russell B Carruth</b>
<b>PLANNING BOARD 3 year term</b>	<b>Deborah Johnson</b>
<b>PLANNING BOARD 1 year term</b>	<b>To be appointed</b>
<b>CEMETERY TRUSTEE 3 year term</b>	<b>Sharon Nelson</b>
<b>TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS 3 year term</b>	<b>Michele D Escobar</b>
<b>ZONING BOARD 3 year term</b>	<b>Kenneth H Gould</b>
<b>ZONING BOARD 3 year term</b>	<b>Jiri Hajek</b>
<b>TOWN AUDITOR 1 year term</b>	<b>Bill Jolly</b>

**DELIBERATIVE SESSION  
MARCH 12, 2011**

Attendees were:

Board of Selectmen: Miles Sinclair, Kyle Andrews, Christina McClay

Administrative Assistant: Pamela Hamel  
Town Clerk /Tax Collector: Laura Hauser  
Town Moderator: Louis Lieto

ARTICLE 2: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred twenty-six thousand, nine hundred seventy-eight dollars (\$526,978) which represents the **Operating Budget** for the ensuing year. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed.

ARTICLE 2 **PASSES** as written

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town of Groton will vote to abolish the police department.  
(By Petition)

Secret ballot is taken. 18 in favor to 62 opposed

ARTICLE 3 **FAILS**

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to have the discretion to determine the best needs for the staffing of the Police Department whether part time or full time.

ARTICLE 4 **PASSES** as written

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to rescind its vote on Article 18 from the March 10, 2009 Town Meeting, requiring a full time Police Chief, and instead authorize the Select Board the discretion to employ either a full time or a part time chief.

Amendment made to ARTICLE 5

Amendment to ARTICLE 5: Amended to read: To see if the Town will vote to rescind its vote on Article 18 from the March 10, 2009 Town Meeting, requiring a full time Police Chief, and instead authorize the Select Board to employ a part time chief.

31 in favor to 27 opposed

Amendment made to ARTICLE 5 **PASSES** as amended

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the repair of Groton paved roads.

ARTICLE 6 **PASSES** as written

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand, five hundred dollars (\$4,500) for the construction of an under drain system along side North Groton Road.

ARTICLE 7 **PASSES** as written

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for deposit into the Town House Capital Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 8 **PASSES** as written

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for deposit into the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 9 **PASSES** as written

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for deposit into the Truck/Sander Capital Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 10 **PASSES** as written

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for deposit into the Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 11 **PASSES** as written

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for deposit into the Disaster Relief Capital Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 12 **PASSES** as written

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for deposit into the Atwell/Orange Brook Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 13 **PASSES** as written

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5000) for deposit into the Fire & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

**ARTICLE 14 FAILS**

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand, five hundred dollars (\$3,500) for the purpose of repairing and maintaining Province Road.

24 in favor to 18 opposed

**ARTICLE 15 PASSES** as written

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) for support of the Newfound Lake Region Association (NLRA).

**ARTICLE 16 PASSES** as written

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand, five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for a fire proof filing cabinet.

**ARTICLE 17 PASSES** as written

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Cemetery General Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, for the purpose of the general care and maintenance of Town cemeteries, and to raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred fifty dollars (\$950) for this fund and to furthermore appoint the Cemetery Trustees as agents to expend from this fund, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the transfer of \$950 from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2010.

**ARTICLE 18 PASSES** as written

ARTICLE 19: To see in the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred twenty-two dollars (\$322) for deposit in the Conservation Fund. This sum represents the balance of the 2010 appropriation for conservation.

**ARTICLE 19 PASSES** as written

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand, four hundred sixty-nine dollars (\$2,469) to give a 2% COLA wage increase to all Town employees hired on or before January 5, 2010, and to include the Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Said increase does not apply to stipend positions.

ARTICLE 20 **PASSES** as written

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

There was a motion made and seconded to adjourn the Town Meeting.

Motion **PASSES** and the meeting adjourned at 2:28 pm.

This is a true attest of warrant and the Groton Town Meeting on the 12th day of March 2011.

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Laura J. Hauser, Groton Town Clerk

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

I would like to take the time to thank residents for their support of the Groton Police Department. The Police Department has had a very busy year including many changes. We have been able to hire two part-time Police Officers; John (Jack) Foley and Timothy Vincent. Both of these officers come to the Department with training and experience.

One major change is having an officer on duty each day at different times. This allows the Police Department to follow up on business calls and citizen complaints that are left on the Department's answering machine. The Department answering machine/business line has been very successful in cutting the phone traffic to the Grafton County Dispatcher. The business line also allows residents the opportunity to leave non-emergency messages for the Officers.

I would like to address special recognition to Officer Vincent for his apprehension of a fugitive who was on the run and was captured in the Town of Groton, and for solving 7 home burglaries in this community.

Below I have displayed the Department roll call and the yearly calls for service that have been received. As you can see the Department has been very active. The Groton Police Department received 534 calls for service during 2011.

### **Crimes Against Persons**

stalking complaints: 3	credit card fraud: 3	domestic disputes: 33
criminal harassment: 7	criminal assaults: 6	child abuse complaints: 3

### **Crimes Against Property**

recovered stolen property: 9	theft: 29	criminal trespassing: 11
illegal sale of firearms: 1	burglaries: 21	criminal mischief: 7
illegal dumping complaints: 2	arson: 1	stolen motor vehicles: 2

### **Crimes Against Public Peace**

suspicious persons/motor vehicle: 16	neighborhood disturbances: 12
town ordinance violations: 1	gunshot complaints: 3
911 hang ups: 5	

### Motor Vehicle Violations and Complaints

motor vehicle violations tickets issued: 122	motor vehicle accidents: 9
driving under the influence: 1	parking violations: 6
illegal drug activity complaint: 2	road rage complaints: 1
disabled motor vehicles: 6	speeding car complaints: 17

### Court Documents Served

domestic violence protection orders served: 4	subpoenas: 7
stalking orders served: 3	

### Citizen Assistance

vehicle identification number checks: 15	welfare checks: 11
civil standby: 18	assist residents: 20

### Miscellaneous

minor illegal possession alcohol: 4	road hazards: 13
sex offender registration: 6	pistol permits issued: 17
election law violation complaints: 1	medical assistance: 8
illegal burning: 1	house alarms: 3
suicide attempts: 2	juvenile complaint: 2
assist other agencies: 13	

### Arrest

motor vehicle violation: 7	warrant arrest: 4
domestic abuse: 5	protective custody: 1

### Animal Control

animal stray complaints: 9	live stock complaints: 4
animal nuisance complaints: 11	animal cruelty complaints: 1

Chief of Police: Joseph Pivrotto

Patrol Officers: Ernest Thompson, John Foley and Timothy Vincent.

Animal Control Officer: Miles Sinclair

Business Phone: (603) 744-3703

Grafton County Dispatch: (603) 787-2552

“CALL 911 FOR YOUR EMERGENCY”



## **Groton Fire Chief**

The year 2011 was a relatively quiet year for the Town as far as fire activity is concerned. The predominant emergency responses in Groton are medical emergencies and motor vehicle accidents, which I do not expect to decrease in the future.

What is exciting for Groton is that the Groton Wind Farm has started construction. This is good for the community as it will not only provide financial benefits, but will also give us great access to that part of Groton from a forestry aspect.

Please continue to be fire safe and remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Also remember that Fire Permits are required for any outside open burning if the ground is NOT completely covered by snow. Permits can be obtained from the following people:

Roger Thompson	Warden	786-2138	72 River Road
Norm Willey	D. Warden	744-5928	777 N. Groton Road
Joe Pivrotto	D. Warden	786-2381	99 River Road
Michael Lemieux	D. Warden	744-6159	363 Sculptured Rocks
Bill Oakley	D. Warden		22 Crosby Lane
Edward Smith	D. Warden	744-5768	Smith Road
Pattie Oakley	Agent	520-4712	22 Crosby Lane
Debra Thompson	Agent	786-2138	72 River Road

Wishing everyone a prosperous and safe 2012!

Roger L Thompson  
Fire Chief and Warden  
786-2138

## **Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger**

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands, work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-1370 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at [www.nhdf.org](http://www.nhdf.org).

Both in terms of the number of fires, as well as the number of acres burned, this past fire season was the smallest since records have been kept. Extensive rainfall virtually all season long kept the fire danger down. When fires did start they were kept very small. The largest fire for the season was only 5.4 acres which occurred in Littleton on May 2nd 2011. There was however a small window of high fire danger in the northern third of the state during July when little rainfall was recorded. During this time there were a number of lightning started fires which are fairly unusual in New Hampshire. As has been the case over the last few years, state budget constraints have limited the staffing of our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers to Class III or higher fire danger days. Despite the reduction in the number of days staffed, our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting was supplemented by contracted aircraft and the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2011 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations

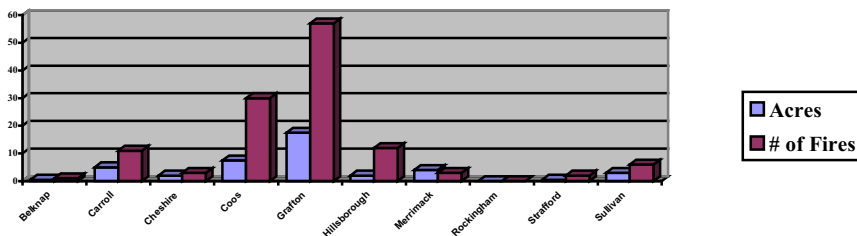
are available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

## 2011 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 2011)

(figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	.5	1
Carroll	5	11
Cheshire	2	3
Coos	7.5	30
Grafton	17.5	57
Hillsborough	2	12
Merrimack	4	3
Rockingham	0	0
Strafford	.5	2
Sullivan	3	6



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED	Total	Fires	Total Acres
Arson	7	2011	42
Debris	63	2010	145
Campfire	10	2009	173
Children	2	2008	175
Smoking	9	2007	212
Railroad	1		
Equipment	1		
Lightning	3		
Misc.*	29 (*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)		

**ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE**

## **Highway Department**

During the course of the past year the Highway Department has undertaken some projects that will prove beneficial to our roadway structure. Several areas on Edgar Albert Road received extensive ditch re-shaping and re-structuring with additional areas that will be addressed in the future.

The under drain project and road reclamation project which targeted the same area on North Groton Road went smoothly. The pavement which was put in place is only a primary course. We are monitoring the effectiveness of the under drain which, so far, is performing well. A finish pavement course is intended at a later date after seeing how the entire project as a whole performs.

The Highway Department needs to update and replace some of our equipment. Quite a bit of time and money has been spent on repairing our vehicles to keep them functioning. Additionally, it is becoming increasingly harder to get parts for the backhoe which is now 17 years old.

I would like to thank Alexandria and Bristol Road Agents Mike Corliss and Mark Bucklin for the mutual aid received by their departments. In return for assisting the Town of Alexandria with some paving work they assisted us with the trucking of asphalt for our paving projects. Bristol provided dump trucks which saved the Town on hauling costs and enabled us to purchase more material.

At this time we are working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to get the most funding possible to repair and in some aspects improve areas damaged by Tropical Storm Irene. We have received funds for Province Road, Sculptured Rocks Road and North Groton Road. These are projects that we will be working on during 2012. In addition, the Town received a mitigation grant to replace the access to the Town's conservation area located behind the garage. The Town's 25% match will come in the form of in kind services.

Finally, I would like to thank all who helped during Tropical Storm Irene. Special thanks goes to Mike Lemieux, Miles Sinclair, Kyle Andrews, the Groton Police Department, Kevin Wilbur and Ron Madan for staying on until 2:30am in order to insure that our roads were open as much as possible post storm.

Glen Hansen, Road Agent  
Kevin Wilbur  
Ron Madan

## **Transfer Station**

This year the Transfer Station saw an increase in revenue from our scrap metal, including the disposal of refrigerators and microwaves. We currently have a system in place that will provide the Town with a consistent source of revenue for these items. All the propane, butane tanks, tires and batteries were also properly disposed of, and we are continuing to work toward some other items being properly collected and subsequently disposed of.

As we move forward recycling is the main goal. The more we recycle the less we pay in disposal costs. We are currently trying to resolve the issue of glass bottles without having to incur the cost of a glass crusher since the Town does not have the funds or space for such an operation. Any suggestions from Town residents would be welcome.

Thank you to Ken Gould and Dan Cadigan for helping to keep the Transfer Station clean and operating as smoothly as possible.

Transfer Station Supervisor  
Joe Koslow

Attendants  
Ken Gould  
Dan Cadigan





*"Partnering to make recycling strong through economic and environmentally sound solutions"*

**Northeast Resource Recovery Association**  
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Dear NRRA Member,

As a member of Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA), your community has access to all the services of this first in the nation, 31-year old recycling cooperative. Your member-driven organization provides you with:

- Up-to-date **Technical Assistance** in waste reduction and recycling;
- **Cooperative Marketing** to maximize pricing and **Cooperative Purchasing** to minimize costs;
- Current **Market Conditions** and Latest **Recycling Trends**, both regionally and nationwide;
- **Innovative Programs** (i.e. Dual Stream, Consolidation and Single Stream);
- **Educational and Networking Opportunities** through our Annual Recycling Conference, our new Bi-weekly "Full of Scrap" email news, monthly Marketing meetings, website, and Fall Facility Tours;
- **School Recycling Club** - a program to assist schools to promote or advance their recycling efforts;
- **NH DES Continuing Ed Credits**;
- **NH the Beautiful Signs, Grants, Bins and Recyclemobiles**.

The membership has grown to include more than 400 municipalities, businesses and individuals in New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Maine. NRRA, as a non-profit organization, is unique in that we do not charge a "brokerage fee" or work to maximize profit gains, but rather has a minimal "Co-op" Fee" which is re-invested into programs to further your recycling programs and solid waste reduction efforts in schools and municipalities.

Through your continued support and dedication, NRRA has assisted our members to recycle over 73,648 tons in fiscal year 2010-2011!

**Please contact NRRA at 800-223-0150 / 603-736-4401 or visit our website at [www.nrra.net](http://www.nrra.net)**

## Town of Groton

Congratulations for being such active recyclers!

Below please find information on the positive impact this recycling has had on your environment.

The recyclable materials listed below were sent to market to be remanufactured into new products through your non-profit recycling cooperative, the Northeast Resource Recovery Association.

Recyclable Material	Amount Recycled in 2011	Environmental Impact
Paper	25 tons	Here is only <u>one</u> benefit of using this recycled material rather than natural resources (raw material) to manufacture new products.



# *PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT*

Milton Ouellete, Jr. ,  
Chairman  
Josh Trought, Treasurer  
Dan Woods, Coordinator

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[dwoods@ncia.net](mailto:dwoods@ncia.net)

In 2011 the District continued its cooperative efforts to promote waste reduction, increase recycling, and to provide residents with a means of properly disposing of their household hazardous wastes (HHW). The District held two (2) one-day collections, one in Littleton and the other in Plymouth. 136 vehicles were tallied at the two events. The decline in participation numbers from 2010 can be attributed to Tropical Storm Irene. The conditions during the collection were miserable and obviously had a major impact on turnout. In addition to the wastes dropped off by residents, a number of communities disposed of wastes that had been collected at their recycling facilities over the past year. Total costs for the program were \$17,028. The District was awarded a grant from the State of NH for \$6,223 and received \$80 from UNH Cooperative Extension to cover the cost of waste they brought to the collection. The net expenditure for the program was \$10,725 (a cost of \$.35 per resident). A table highlighting the District's HHW collection data since 2007 is below.

**2007 – 2011 HHW Collection Data**

Year	# of Collections	# of vehicles	HHW Disposal Costs	NHDES HHW Grant	Revenue from non-District Participants	Net Expenditures	Cost/Capita
2007	2	180	\$22,460	\$8,927	\$0	\$13,533	\$.45
2008	2	204	\$28,680	\$7,300	\$2,870	\$18,510	\$.62
2009	2	189	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$15,428	\$.51
2010	2	250	\$26,756	\$5,230	\$768	\$20,758	\$.67
<b>2011</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>17,028</b>	<b>\$6,223</b>	<b>\$80</b>	<b>\$10,725</b>	<b>\$.35</b>

\* Note in 2009, the District took part in North Country Council's HHW program and was assessed \$15,428 based on our participation numbers.

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The District also coordinated the pickup of fluorescent light bulbs, antifreeze, and oily/water wastes that were collected at individual recycling facilities in the District. Over 43,000 feet of straight fluorescent tubing, 1,100 compact fluorescents, and 2,300 gallons of antifreeze/oily water wastes were properly disposed of through this program.

In 2012, the District will again hold collections in Littleton and Plymouth. Dates are tentatively set for Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> in Littleton and Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> in Plymouth. Watch for more information and concrete dates in the spring. The District takes great effort to provide these collection programs in a cost effective means, but the reality is that they are very expensive to hold. At the same time, the State of NH's HHW grant program is under increasing funding pressure and there is no guarantee grants funds will be available in this or future years. Individual residents can help keep the District's disposal costs down and reduce the toxicity of the environment by remembering a few of these helpful tips; Buy only what you need. If you have leftover product, properly store it so it will last. Use biological controls and organic products for pests and diseases in the garden when feasible. Apply chemical pesticides only as a last resort and be sure to follow the directions on the label. Lastly, air-dry your leftover latex paint. When completely dried, latex paint maybe disposed of in your household trash.

As always, citizens interested in participating in the development of the District's programs are welcome to attend the District's meetings. Information regarding the place and time of the meetings is available at all municipal offices and recycling centers. If at any time an individual community needs assistance in regards to their solid waste/recycling program, please contact the District at 838-6822 or by email at [pemi\\_bakerswd@yahoo.com](mailto:pemi_bakerswd@yahoo.com)

Respectively Submitted,  
Milton Ouellette, Jr., Chairman  
Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District

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## **Groton Planning Board**

We want to welcome Dave Labar to the Planning Board as he filled Steve Lindsey's unexpired term. Sharon Nelson will continue to be the Board's clerk, as well as our alternate member.

Here's news for those who do not read the Town's scribe in the "Record Enterprise". After long negotiations an agreement was reached between the Select Board and Groton Wind L.L.C. The construction has commenced and the first check has arrived in the Town's coffers.

Thanks to a grant awarded to the Newfound Lake Region Association, Taylor Associates & Consultants has helped us revise the Site Plan Review and Subdivision Regulations. Other work done by the Board includes: the review of a site plan for U.S. Cellular's expansion to the tower on Tenney Mountain; a pending lot line adjustment; a lot merger; preliminary consultation on a subdivision; a denial of a petition for a revocation of subdivisions; a letter of cease and desist for an illegal excavation; and a gravel pit being used as a junk yard.

Some members attended workshops on steep slopes, riparian buffers and land use options.

Unfortunately we were given a warning by our Town Counsel to budget enough to cover legal appeals this year. This Board promises to resume a lower budget when the possibility of appeals has abated.

Stephen "Slim" Spafford, Chairman  
Deborah Johnson  
Jennifer Burnett  
Miles Sinclair, Select Board Liaison

Russell Carruth  
Celine Richer  
Dave Labar  
Sharon Nelson, Clerk

## **Groton Zoning Board**

We want to express appreciation to Gordon Coursey for his services on the Zoning Board and welcome Chuck Stata as an alternate member. Patti Bailey resigned as Chairwoman, and Jiri Hajek was elected as the current Chairman.

Attorney H. Bernard Waugh Jr. of Gardner Fulton & Waugh PLLC, Lebanon, NH, was advising our Board during 2011 and the legal cost stayed below the allocated and approved 2011 budget. Based on 2011 activity and due to anticipated commercial inactivity during the upcoming year 2012, the proposed budget remains unchanged.

During the year 2011, our Board handled two cases. First, a request by US Cellular c/o KJK Wireless for a “special exception” to construct small service building and add several antennas at the Tenney Mountain tower site to improve wireless communications. The requested “special exception” was granted without conditions. Second, the Mike Ethier (Commercial Gravel Pit) request for a “special exception” for his gravel operation was granted with conditions.

Respectfully Submitted

Jiri Hajek, Chairman  
Patti Bailey, Vice Chairwoman  
Glen Hansen  
Frank Grelle  
Ken Gould  
Christine Weeks, Alternate  
Chuck Stata, Alternate

## **Health Officer Report**

The Health Officer is a required position in every New Hampshire town. Knowing this you might think that there would be a good understanding of what a Health Officer is and what they do for the Town and the State. There are Laws and Ordinances that help quantify the “Limits”, which the State Legislature has determined to be OK or not OK for the State’s citizens. At one end of the list are septic systems, their design, operation and eventual failure. Common sense implies that everyone needs one - but what? A pit outhouse? A porta-potty? A sealed tank with pump contract? A chemical or incinerating alternative toilet? Or, even a tank and leach field which most use. In Groton they are all legal, with some design and use restrictions.

The Health Officer is nominated by the Town, but is appointed by the State. Their authority is limited to the Town they are appointed to serve, except in a declared State emergency. Thus the Health Officer is trained not just in the Town’s issues but also the State’s. SARS, Bird Flu pandemic (H1N1), Bioterrorism, EEE, West Nile virus, are public health issues that have involved Health Officers. Generally, the role is one of information decimation and planning.

Disaster response is another area that Health Officers get involved. Inclusion in the Town’s response plans and interface with Emergency Management are on-going activities. We have changed from traditional Fire/Police/EMT based planning to one which now includes all elements of the State’s Emergency Response planning and deployment, along with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Department of Homeland Security.

It is important to understand that Groton’s growth is currently limited only by the lands sewage treating capacities. While we limit lot size to a minimum of 2 acres, it is the soil type which determines the suitability of a lot for residential housing use. A percolation (perc) test may be required prior to receiving a septic or building permit. Most subdivisions are in excess of 5 acres because perc tests are not required as part of the subdivision process, but they are still required to get a septic and building permit by the home builder. As Groton grows in population, increased attention needs to be placed on the carrying capacity of our new subdivisions.

The final area of Health Officer activity is perhaps the most relevant to Groton; environmental protection. In Groton we are blessed with a Town rich in natural resources. Our water, earth and air quality are a common and a shared asset of the Town. Working with the Select Board and other Town Boards, we need to plan our future and put into place growth management to assure the continuance of these Town values.

Chuck Stata,  
Groton Health Officer

## **GROTON OLD HOME DAY**

At this year's Old Home Day we had many games and events to entertain both children and adults alike. The children all got ribbons and prizes for participating in the games, and an extra bonus of being able to cool off in the kiddie pool. Thanks go to David Sharp for supplying the water to fill the pool.

Our Pet Photo Contest produced some wonderful entries. Winners were:

- Cat: Baby
- Dog: Rex
- Horse: Grimshaw
- Unusual Pet: Chippy the squirrel
- Baby Animal: Diesel (dog)

Horseshoe trophies were won by Robert Cote and Michelle Clark.

We had scheduled a frying pan toss contest for children and adults. Unfortunately only the children were able to participate as they broke both fry pans! Better luck next year.

Sadly, we had to cancel the softball game and the lawn tractor games. There were not enough players or lawn tractor entries.

There were many participants in our parade including Al Conkey with his bait truck, the Ryezak's Oil Truck, the Rumney Fire Truck, Christine Lane's truck with the family's tribute to Buddy Lane, Glen Hansen on his motorcycle, Gordon Coursey & Son's Logging, Darlene Andrews riding her horse Lexi, a beautiful 1949 Mercury and the Groton Chief of Police pulling up the rear.

Thank you to Judy Lavassar for donating the proceeds of her flea market table to the Old Home Day Fund. And many thanks to all who volunteered their time to make the day a success.

Old Home Day Committee

Vickie Kimball, Bonnie Lane, Anne Tobine, Judy Demers, Pam Yinger and Glen Hansen

## **Groton Public Library**

2011 proved to be a very difficult year for the Library Trustees. Competing schedules and life circumstances unfortunately made it hard for the Trustees to accomplish their goals for the year.

In the fall, the Trustees brought back and sponsored the Annual Halloween Party. This has been a standard party for years and the Library Trustees wanted to bring it back. Although, the Party was a small turnout, Batman, prisoners, ghosts and ghouls enjoyed a day full of games, contests, movies and snacks. Attendees guessed what was in the box (eyeballs or brains), played wrap up the mummy and watched Scooby Doo scary videos. The Trustees would like to extend a special thanks to Pamela Yinger, Marilyn Lieto, Brenda Akerman and Barbara Goodwin for helping decorate the Hall and assisting in the festivities.

At the end of the year, the Library made a hard decision to not hold the Annual Christmas Party. After all, 2010 was a hard act to follow, but with the low turnout for Halloween and the busy holiday schedules, the Trustees felt it was too much to add. We will relook at the schedules and hope to add new events for 2012.

Also in 2011, the Trustees created a link from the Town's website to a Groton Public Library page. This new site contains information on scheduled events, minutes from meetings, and a place to post comments, recommendations and concerns to the Trustees. Please take a moment to check it out at <https://sites.google.com/site/grotonpubliclibrary/> and let us know if there is anything you would like to see added.

The goals for 2012 include but are not limited to: improving budget use in order to hire a part-time Librarian who will be able to help with consistent hours for the Library, increase stocking of new releases, researching options for a new Library, cleaning and reorganizing the existing space, keeping the Groton Public Library website updated and continued service to the Town of Groton.

The Trustees again thank the townspeople for their continued support and continued patronage of the Groton Public Library. Without you, the Library would not exist.



*The more you read  
The more you know  
The more you know  
The smarter you grow  
The smarter you grow  
The stronger your voice  
When speaking your mind  
Or making your choice*

Respectfully submitted,  
Library Trustees  
Christina McClay, Anne Tobine, Joyce Tolman

Alternate Trustees  
Pam Yinger, Brenda Akerman



## **Groton Historical Society**

The Groton Historical Society (GHS) continues to pursue their mission, “To Preserve the Past for the Future.” At the October 23, 2011 meeting, friends and family honored Paul Adams for his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday with a cake, song, and well wishes. Paul was born on October 24, 1912. He served in the military in 1938.

The Hebron and Groton Historical Societies together celebrated the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the grant establishing the Town of Cockermouth, 1761-2011, at the Everett Hobart Memorial Park. Hebron and Groton were named Cockermouth until a change was made in 1792 when Hebron became a separate town. The well-attended program began at 10 a.m. and went until 6 p.m. with several speakers and awards, a parade, snacks and food, entertainment, children’s games, vendors with wonderful offerings, and a hog roast dinner and many donated homemade pies. The program also honored local veterans, past and present.

Our Museum had eight “open house” days this year. The Longyear Museum of Boston brought a group of high school students from several states to tour our one-room schoolhouse museum where Mary Baker Eddy’s son, George Washington Glover, attended school.

In appreciation for the many times it has used the Town House, GHS has loaned eight historical photographs for display in Groton’s historic Town Meeting Room.

New GHS by-laws were discussed and approved by members present at the November 13 meeting which was scheduled at the adjournment of the October 23 meeting. GHS now has a nine person Board of Directors elected by the attending membership. Serving a one-year term are Brenda Akerman, Jo O’Connor and Louise Traunstein. Serving a two-year term are Roger Daniels, Ed Latulippe and Sherry Nelson. Serving a three-year term are Deb Lindsey, Kathy Sobetzer and Tony Tavares. The Directors then appointed the Officers for a one-year term from the group of Directors. The Officers are: President, Tony Tavares; Vice-President, Jo O’Connor; Treasurer, Deb Lindsey; Secretary, Sherry Nelson; Curator, Kathy Sobetzer.

Sixteen new members were welcomed into the Society this year.

To contact the Groton Historical Society to join or have a question answered please drop a note to GHS, PO Box 50, Rumney, NH 03266, or email to [grotonhistorical@yahoo.com](mailto:grotonhistorical@yahoo.com).

Respectfully submitted,  
GHS Board of Directors





## North Country Council, Inc.

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Dear Friends,

I would like to thank all of you for your support of the North Country Council this past year. It has been a difficult year for the Council and for our region. Cuts in the State and Federal government have made it a challenge to continue to provide a high quality of support for our region and the communities. However, we once again affirmed the Council's commitment to serve community and regional needs.

The Council continued to deliver planning and economic development services throughout the region. We have and we will continue to adjust our capacities to respond to the needs of the communities and you will see this in the programs that we will be introducing in the coming years. We have continued with our traditional programs in master planning, natural resource planning, Brownfields Assessments, energy planning and transportation planning, and these will continue to be a focus of North Country Council. We applied along with the eight other planning commissions in the State for funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Sustainable Communities Initiative which will provide additional resources to help the region and communities in the development of regional and community plans. Unfortunately we did not receive the award; however, we have reapplied this year and are more confident than ever we will receive the award.

In economic development we continue our strong relationship with the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) in bringing funding and project development to the region. We were awarded a grant to develop a reuse plan for the Groveton Mill and will be spending next year working with the community, the owner and the regional leaders to develop a use that will bring robust economic development to the region and, most importantly, jobs. Construction for an addition to the Dartmouth Regional Technology Center (DRTC) started this year and will be completed in 2012. DRTC has been and continues to be a wonderful economic driver for the state and is a national model for incubators. These along with other economic opportunities will continue to be a focus in the coming year.

Again, thank you for all of your support for the Council. I hope that I and my staff can continue to be of service to your community. The Council is here to serve you. It is your organization. Our staff and Board are committed to responding to community needs. If there is a project or a need in your town, please call us. We are dedicated to both supporting our individual towns and promoting regional unity in the North Country. Thank you for the privilege of allowing me to serve as your Executive Director.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Michael King  
Executive Director





## TAPPLY-THOMPSON COMMUNITY CENTER

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### **2011 Report to the Town of Groton**

The TTCC staff would like to wish everyone a Happy & Healthy 2012.

We are grateful to all of the volunteers, sponsors, coaches and donors that helped to make 2011 an amazing success. With your help we were able to offer some exciting programs and fundraisers. Here are just a few of the highlights:

- SOAR (Save Our Ailing Roof) Campaign: The TTCC building is in desperate need of a new roof. We kicked off this campaign in the late summer and have been astounded by the outpouring of support from supporters far and wide. The projects estimated cost was \$85,000. At this writing we have raised over \$65,000 and received a large number of in-kind donations. The roof will be completed during the winter and spring.
- Shape Up Newfound (formerly Biggest Loser): This program continues to make a difference in the health of our community. We are grateful to Donna Evans & Bonnie Tisdale for leading this successful program in the new year.
- Office Redesign: During the Christmas break we were able to partially complete our long awaited office 'redesign'. We had a counter installed and reorganized the office space to allow for a more customer friendly environment. In 2012 our hope is to look at the entire office space and come up with a plan that allows for the most efficient use of this space.
- Tee it Up for the Kids Golf Tournament: New this year we held a golf tournament at Den Brae Golf Course in June. The weather was perfect, food was yummy, and we raised over \$3,500 our first time out! Thanks to everyone that participated in making it such a great day!
- 5K Shingle Jingle: In December with the help of a dedicated group of 'Peeps' we held this run to raise funds for the roof. It was an incredible turn-out and over \$3,000 towards the roof project.

We have had some staffing changes this year with Wayne Evans joining us as our Custodian and Judy Mackey as Office Staff. We are happy to have them join the team!

We would like to express our continued gratitude to the **Bristol United Church of Christ** for the use of the TTCC building. Their support of our program is priceless! We are extremely grateful to **the Newfound Area School District** for opening their buildings and playing fields to our many programs. Thanks to the **Bristol Rotary Club, Bristol Community Services** and the **Bristol United Church of Christ** for scholarship funding for our summer camp participants. **The Slim Baker Foundation** continues to support our summer program with donations of funds for activities and through the use of their facility. We also want to thank the **NH Marathon Committee**, which donated **\$5,000** from the proceeds of the marathon in 2011 and the **WLNH Children's Auction** that donated \$7.500 for our programs. Finally, a huge thank you to all of the **2011 Annual Fund donors**. You gave **over \$45,000** in 2011 and we are humbled by your generosity!

In closing we want to thank the residents of the Newfound Towns for your support of the TTCC. Come & recreate with us in 2012. **The Benefits are Endless...**

Respect      Advocacy  
Excellence



Integrity      Stewardship

**Thank you for supporting Genesis Behavioral Health and contributing to the health and wellness of our community!**

The appropriation we received from the Town of Groton's 2011 budget helped us support the cost of providing emergency mental health care to the residents of your town.

During Fiscal Year 2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011), a total of **6 Groton residents** came to Genesis Behavioral Health seeking behavioral health care. The age breakdown is as follows:

Age Range	Number of Patients
Ages 1 – 17	0
Ages 18 – 59	5
Age 60 and over	1

We provided Emergency Services to **1 Groton resident** in Fiscal Year 2011.

The mission of Genesis Behavioral Health is to provide direct services that enhance the emotional and mental health of our communities. We work with children, families, adults and older adults to help them recover from mental illness. Improving one's mental health benefits the individual as well as the community in which they live.

Genesis Behavioral Health provides a variety of medically necessary services that help people with mental illness increase their participation in the community. Mental health treatment helps people foster fulfilling, strong relationships, maintain stable employment and contribute to the good of the community. We work with your police and fire departments, as well as local hospitals, to provide Emergency Services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to **any resident of Groton** experiencing a mental health crisis, regardless of their ability to pay.

Community matters in community mental health. Support from the Town of Groton is an essential component of our funding and is critical to the sustainability of the Emergency Services program. Genesis Behavioral Health improved the health and quality of life for 3,270 individuals in our region in Fiscal Year 2011. On behalf of all of them, we thank you.

Sincerely,  
Margaret M. Pritchard, Executive Director

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## **GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.**

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our communities' older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln; operates adult in-home care from offices in Lebanon and Haverhill; and sponsors the Grafton County ServiceLink Resource Center and RSVP and the Volunteer Center. Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, community dining programs, transportation, counseling, elder care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2011, 27 older residents of Groton were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Plymouth Regional Senior Center or Newfound Area Senior Services:

- Older adults from Groton enjoyed 120 balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room.
- Frail older adults in Groton received 628 hot, nutritious home delivered meals, brought to their homes by caring volunteers.
- They benefited from 20 visits with a trained outreach worker.

The cost to provide Council services for Groton residents in 2011 was \$6,838.36.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical. *Groton's population over age 60 increased by 169.2% over the past 20 years, according to U.S. Census data from 1990 to 2010.*

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Groton's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

# Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc.

Statistics for the Town of Groton

October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011

During the fiscal year, GCSCC served 27 Groton residents (out of 140 residents over 60, 2010 U.S. Census).

<u>Services</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Units of Service</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>Unit (1) Cost</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>Total Cost of Service</u>
Congregate/Home Delivered	Meals	748	x	\$8.47		\$6,335.56
Transportation	Trips	0	x	\$12.57		0
Social Services	Half-hours	20	x	\$25.14		\$502.80
Activities		22		N/A		

Number of Groton volunteers: 0. Number of Volunteer Hours: 0

GCSCC cost to provide services for Groton residents only	<u>\$6,838.36</u>
Request for Senior Services for 2011	\$150.00
Received from Town of Groton for 2011	\$150.00
Request for Senior Services for 2012	<u>\$400.00</u>

## NOTE:

1. Unit cost from GCSCC Statement of Revenue and Expenses for October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011.
2. Services were funded by Federal and State programs 58%; municipalities, county and United Way 11%; Client donations for services 8%; Charitable contributions 21%; Other 2%.



## **Pemi-Baker Community Health**

Pemi-Baker Community Health, formally known as Pemi-Baker Home Health & Hospice continues to provide quality home health care, end-of life home hospice care, physical and occupational therapy, and preventive wellness and fitness opportunities, in the home and at its facility at Boulder Point in Plymouth.

Over this past year, our leaders have focused on reviewing and implementing a newly defined mission to improve the health and wellbeing of the community by providing excellence in health care services through outreach, in-home and facility-based programming.

**Pemi-Baker Home Health** - At-home care for patients discharged from the hospital after surgery, illness, or injury or those with new or exacerbations for chronic illnesses. Many medical services that were once only available in a hospital or rehabilitation facility are now safely and effectively administered by expert staff in the home setting. High tech patients, the frail or elderly as well as new mothers and their babies.

**Pemi-Baker Hospice** - Choosing hospice doesn't mean choosing death, it means choosing to live life to the fullest. It is a unique and special philosophy of care designed to provide comfort and support for those facing life-limiting illness that no longer responds to cure-oriented treatment.

**Pemi-Baker Rehab Therapies** - The Physical & Occupational Therapists work to reduce physical limitations and to teach exercises that help in the recovery from surgery or injury.

**Pemi-Baker Aquatic & Fitness** - Memberships to aquatic exercise programs and use of the pool and exercise equipment with skilled staff to reach individualized goals.

Aquatic Therapy in our 90 degree pool is unique to Pemi-Baker Rehab Therapies and allows you to strengthen more quickly with less impact on your body following an injury or surgery. The physical properties of water assist with increasing energy, strength, and flexibility while releasing stress and tension. Memberships to this unique opportunity are available to our communities.

Unless you have had the opportunity to utilize our services, you may not have heard about this best kept secret so we invite you to reach out for more information and to visit with us. We are known to be friendly and we are in the helping business. We are happy to be part of the community and touching lives:

yours, your family's, your neighbor's with a customer oriented, client centered approach in a partnership to improve health and lives.

In the coming year, we endeavor to partner with other area organizations whose mission we share. We always welcome ideas and suggestions and are grateful for the support from our community members and the towns we serve.

Respectfully,

Chandra Engelbert, RN, BSN, MBA  
Executive Director

## **Voices Against Violence**

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### **Board of Directors**

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School Dist.*

From July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 **Voices Against Violence** worked with **826** adult and child victims / survivors who have been affected by domestic or sexual violence, or stalking. We have provided free services to all male and female victims of domestic violence or sexual assault, as well as provided countless hours of education and support around these issues to other individuals and organizations in your town.

Direct services included crisis counseling through our 24-hour hotline; one-on-one crisis and ongoing advocacy; providing emergency shelter to women and children; support groups; hospital, police and court accompaniment; restraining orders and other legal assistance; providing food, clothing, and transportation; advocating for families' medical/mental health, housing, and financial needs; assisting with educational and employment opportunities; and much more.

Voices reached an additional 2,819 individuals through our education and outreach programs. Among those programs were workshops for students and faculty at area schools on topics such as bullying prevention, healthy relationships and boundaries, how to help a friend in an abusive situation, and teen dating violence. We are also working with law enforcement and community agencies in your area to create a unified community response to domestic and sexual violence, and will be placing a great deal of effort in our prevention activities that will hopefully alleviate long-term burdens on the town that result from family violence.

With this in mind, I submit this annual budget request in the amount of \$500.00 for the 2012 fiscal year, which is this year's base request for the smallest towns we serve. We greatly appreciate all of your past support and your consideration of this year's request. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 536-5999 with any questions, or if I can provide additional information to the Committee.

Sincerely,

Lisa Farmer  
Executive Director

## **Tri-County Community Action Program Inc.**

30 Exchange Street, Berlin, NH 03570 · (603)-751-7001 · 1-800-552-4617 · Fax: (603)752-7607

Tri-County Community Action Program is a private, non-profit agency which provides necessary services to the less fortunate citizens in our communities. During the fiscal year of 2010-2011, through our Community Contact Division located in Ashland, we provided the following services to Groton Residents:

<b><u>Services Provided:</u></b>	<b><u># of Households</u></b>	<b><u>\$ Amount</u></b>
Fuel Assistance: Includes 3 emergencies	93	\$35,355
State-Wide Electric Assist. Program	32	\$12,454
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$47,809</b>

**Through the efforts of the Tri-County Community Action, the citizens of Groton have received a total of \$47,809 between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011.**

Community Contact provides these and other necessary services for the less fortunate citizens in your town and surrounding vicinities. We are depending upon funding from your town and others countrywide to enable us to continue our services.

We sincerely appreciate the Town of Groton's past support and look forward to our continuing partnership to provide essential services to your residents.

Very truly yours,

Carly Rhodes  
Ashland Community Contact Coordinator

**CAP Community Contact Office**  
41 School Street, Ashland NH 03217  
(603)968-3560  
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## Newfound Lake Region Association

In 2011, the Newfound Lake Region Association (NLRA) continued our work with watershed towns, businesses, summer camps, and permanent and seasonal residents to steward Newfound's priceless resources. We are making progress toward our common goals of preserving our clean water, healthy forests and rural character.

Highlights for 2011 include:

- Implementing *Every Acre Counts: The Newfound Watershed Management Plan*. Federal funding for this project allows the NLRA to bring professional planners to local Planning Boards; to provide customized land-use maps; and to act as a technical reference for Towns to protect their natural and economic resources. Alexandria and Hebron have already adopted *Every Acre Counts*.
- Reducing stormwater pollution at Bristol's Cummings Beach with grading and drainage improvements, and stormwater treatment using vegetated swales. This work was made possible with \$11,000 in *Every Acre Counts* funding, roughly 200 hours of NLRA donated labor, and substantial contributions from the Town of Bristol, KVPartners engineering, Simple By Nature Landscaping, VenturePrint, Unltd., and the Newfound Regional High School (NRHS).
- Performing our 26<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of water quality sampling and analysis in Newfound Lake, and extending our network of sub-watershed tributary sampling to 40 locations in the surrounding uplands. With critical support from Bob Craycraft (UNH), water quality data and trends were assessed for signs of degradation and potential pollution sources. People far and wide often ask us about Newfound's legendary quality, and we are able to reply that it remains extremely good.
- Coordinating the Lake Host program to prevent exotic milfoil and other invasive species from entering Newfound Lake via the Wellington boat ramp. In 2011 we provided an average of 82 hours / week of paid and volunteer personnel; inspected 3,281 boats; educated over 3,000 boaters;

and covered ten sanctioned fishing tournaments. Lake Hosts made one confirmed “save” of exotic milfoil in June and delivered numerous specimens to the State Limnology laboratory for genetic testing and identification.

- Sponsoring public educational events such as February’s WinterFest at the Slim Baker Lodge and the Naturally Newfound Fair at Wellington State Park in June. Hundreds of people attended these education-oriented activities in wonderful local settings. We were greatly assisted by partners such as the Tapply Thompson Community Center, municipal personnel, NRHS students, State agencies, local businesses, NLRA members and many others.
- Building conservation partnerships with the Society for Protection of NH Forests and the Lakes Region Conservation Trust to protect critical lands through public education and conservation easements. Strategic land conservation protects water resources, critical habitat, rural character and the economic stability of the Newfound watershed.
- Hosting our third Mega-Raffle, with over \$13,000 in prizes donated by 71 local businesses and over 100 winners. In addition to helping the NLRA provide important resources to the surrounding communities, the Mega-Raffle is a showcase of all the region has to offer in lodging, food, activities, health and more. We really enjoy calling our friends and members to tell them they have won a prize!

For 2012 we will continue to seek the best means to achieve our mission of preserving the Newfound watershed’s priceless resources. Becoming a Water Watchdog is a new initiative that provides everyone with practical and fun ways to be part of the solution to stormwater pollution. Watch for more on this topic as the year unfolds, and please contact us at [info@NewfoundLake.org](mailto:info@NewfoundLake.org) or 744-8689 if you have any questions or want to help out.

Thanks to all our supporters – see you around the Watershed!

**The Newfound Lake Region Association**

## **UNH Cooperative Extension**

University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension's mission is to provide New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information to enhance their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy.

Five full-time educators are based out of our North Haverhill office: Heather Bryant, Dave Falkenham, Kathleen Jablonski, Michal Lunak and Deborah Maes are supported by Rebecca Colpitts and Administrative Assistants Kristina Vaughan, Teresa Locke and Donna Lee. Lisa Ford, Program Associate, is located at the Whole Village Family Resource Center in Plymouth.

Trained volunteers support our programs in agriculture, forestry and youth development. Another group of volunteers serves on the Grafton County Extension Advisory Council and provide support and direction for our programs. Check out our Grafton County website to see a current list of members <http://extension.unh.edu/Counties/Grafton/Grafton.htm>.

Grafton County has 26 Master Gardener volunteers who work in 25 communities. Last year they contributed a total of 994 hours of education and service. These volunteers work on projects such as the Memorial Garden at the County Nursing Home and the Gardening Empowerment Project at the Whole Village Family Resource Center in Plymouth.

Our Nutrition Connections program at Whole Village in Plymouth uses the on-site gardens to teach nutrition to adults and children and uses the teaching kitchen to show adults and children how to make healthy food choices and stretch their food dollar. Almost 350 youth and adults participated in programming during the past year. Interns from Plymouth State University also support the program.

Our Agricultural program hosts multiple workshops each year for commercial agriculture and back yard food producers. In addition, a Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education grant supported a pepper trial in collaboration with the County Farm. Over 1,000 pepper plants representing 13 varieties resulted in a donation of approximately 2,000 pounds of peppers to local food banks and senior

centers. Additionally, valuable data on yield, quality and consumer preference was obtained.

Our Forestry program works with professional loggers and foresters to improve local forest management. During the past year \$250,000 in logging contracts by licensed foresters and loggers resulted in over \$120,000 being paid directly to landowners for timber cut on their land. Educational workshops reached communities on such topics as selling timber, tree identification, wildlife management and Current Use regulations.

Our Statewide Dairy program coordinates and conducts programming and site visits year round to educate farmers on risk management programs, business management, livestock care and herd management. The program supports the 134 statewide commercial dairy farms that produced over 290,000,000 pounds of milk in 2010. Gross milk and livestock sales accounted for \$60,000,000 in New Hampshire last year.

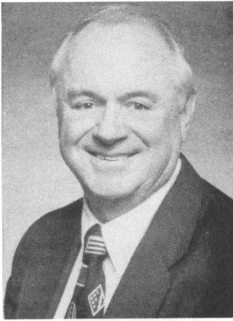
Our 4-H Youth Development program coordinates training for the 103 volunteers who contributed over 9,300 hours of time in supporting numerous club events and over 15 county wide events each year. The economic value of this time is almost \$200,000. The 4-H program also offers technical support and training for after-school students and staff on the topics of healthy living and science education.

Our Family & Consumer Resources program has offered over 150 foods safety classes since 2000 targeting food service workers. Over 1,000 food service workers have attended locally taught national certification classes in food safety. Eighty-eight percent have received certification.

Our office uses social media as well as weekly news columns, resource notebooks at local public libraries and an electronic calendar to reach a larger county audience. Find us on Facebook under UNH Cooperative Extension—Grafton County.

Respectfully submitted: Deborah B Maes  
Extension Educator, Family & Consumer Resources  
County Office Administrator





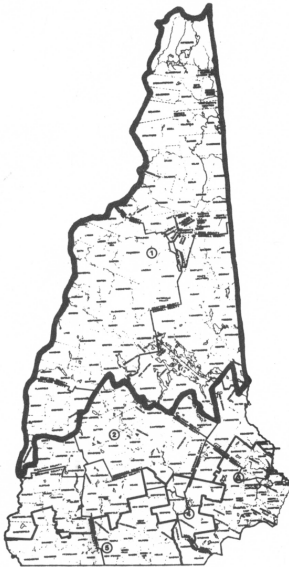
## Raymond S. Burton

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*Executive Councilor  
District One*

### **Report to the People of District One** Ray Burton, Executive Councilor, District One

The Governor and Council have had a busy year since being sworn in to office on January 6, 2011. We meet approximately every two weeks to dispose of official business brought to us from the Governor's Office and the Departments of NH State Government.



The Governors Advisory Commission in Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) submitted our recommendations for the 10 year transportation plans for air, rail, highway and other public transportation to Governor Lynch on December 15, 2011. The Governor will review it and submit his recommendations to the NH House and Senate by January 15, 2012. It is now up to the NH House and Senate Committees to come to conclusions by July 12, 2012 on what our roads, bridges, airports, rail systems, and public transportation will be for the next ten years. Find your local state Senator and Representative by going to <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/members/wml.aspx>. Another valuable resource is your local library and town/city clerks. Speak up and let them know what you believe should be done to maintain and improve our public transportation!

Hurricane Irene caused millions of dollars worth of damage to not only town and state road systems, but also caused major river/stream bank erosion. One of the best sources for FEMA and related matters is Chris Pope, Emergency Manager Director, at NH Dept. of Safety. His direct line is 545-5842. NH DOT and NH Environmental Services, Depts. of Safety and local town/city agencies coupled with private construction companies deserve lots of credit for putting back together roads and bridges for safe and timely travel.

A very important function and duty of the Governor and Executive Council is to find citizens to volunteer on the dozens of State Boards and Commissions. If you are interested please send your letter of interest and resume to Jennifer Kuzma, Governor's office 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301 tel 603-271-2121.

#### **Towns in Council District #1**

##### **CARROLL COUNTY:**

Albany, Bartlett,  
Chatham, Conway, Eaton,  
Effingham, Freedom, Hart's Loc.,  
Jackson, Madison, Moultonborough,  
Ossipee, Sandwich, Tamworth,  
Tuftonboro, Wakefield, Wolfeboro,

##### **GRAFTON COUNTY:**

Alexandria, Ashland, Bath,  
Benton, Bethlehem, Bridgewater,  
Bristol, Campton, Canaan,  
Dorchester, Easton, Ellsworth,  
Enfield, Franconia, Grafton,  
Groton, Hanover, Haverhill,  
Hebron, Holderness, Landaff,  
Lebanon, Lincoln, Lisbon,  
Livermore, Littleton, Lyman,  
Lyme, Monroe, Orange, Orford,  
Piermont, Plymouth, Rumney,  
Sugar Hill, Thornton, Warren,  
Waterville Valley, Wentworth,  
Woodstock

##### **BELKNAP COUNTY:**

Alton, Belmont, Center Harbor,  
Gilford, Laconia, Meredith,  
New Hampton, Sanbornton, Tilton

##### **COOS COUNTY:**

Berlin, Carroll, Clarksville,  
Colebrook, Columbia, Dalton,  
Dixville, Dummer, Errol,  
Gorham, Jefferson, Lancaster,  
Milan, Millsfield, Northumberland,  
Pittsburg, Randolph, Shelburne,  
Stewartstown, Stark, Stratford,  
Whitefield

##### **SULLIVAN COUNTY:**

Charlestown, Claremont, Cornish,  
Croydon, Grantham, Newport  
Plainfield, Springfield, Sunapee

2012 is an election year. The NH Secretary of State has a very valuable political calendar with all appropriate dates for filing for office, financial reports, and election dates plus much more. Call NH Secretary of State at 271-3242 or my office for a copy or go to: <http://www.sos.nh.gov/polcal2012-13forweb.pdf>.

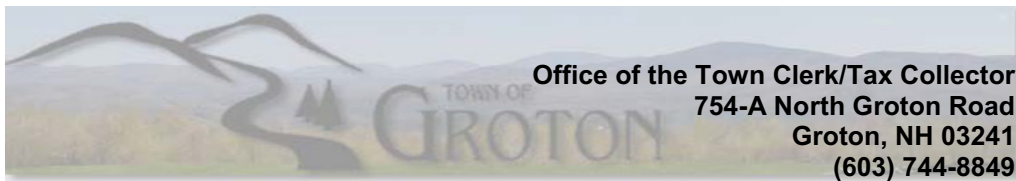
District Health Councils offer a lively forum to discuss health issues- federal, state and local. If you would like to serve on one of the three District Health Councils in Council District One please send me your name and contact information.

My office has NH Constitutions, official tourist maps, and other information. I always enjoy speaking and participating in local events.

I am at the service of this District. It is an honor to hear from you!

Ray Burton

DEPARTMENT OF STATE					
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION					
GROTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE					
<b>Resident Death Report</b>					
<b>01/01/2011 - 12/31/2011</b>					
<b>Decedent's Name</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>	<b>Place of Death</b>	<b>Father's Name</b>	<b>Mother's Maiden Name</b>	<b>Military</b>
Lane, Clement	03/07/2011	Lebanon, NH	Lane, Rosco	Gonyea, Hilda	Y
Ryan, George	06/30/2011	Plymouth, NH	Ryan, Frank	Parmenter, Mildred	N
Pilvelis, Veronica	11/11/2011	Lebanon, NH	Fawcett, Samuel	Jennings, Lucy	N
Aims Jr, Bayard	12/21/2011	Lebanon, NH	Aims Sr, Bayard	Rice, Hazel	Y
<b>Resident Marriage Report</b>					
<b>01/01/2011 - 12/31/2011</b>					
<b>Person A's Name</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Person B's Name</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Town of Issuance</b>	<b>Place of Marriage</b>
Williams, Kerrie E	Groton	Smith, Delilah R	Groton	Groton	Tuffonboro
Oakley, Zachary W	Groton	Gaumont, Jessica L	Groton	Plymouth	Manchester



## **Don't Forget to Register Your Dog!**

All dog licenses are due by April 30<sup>th</sup>. If they are not licensed by June 1 there will be a forfeit of \$25.00 and a fine of \$1.00 monthly.

License Fees are:

Male or Female	\$9.00
Spayed or Neutered	\$6.50
First Dog for Owner over 65	\$2.00

**Current Rabies Certificate should be presented at time of registration.**

Laura J. Hauser  
Town Clerk  
Groton, New Hampshire



Just a reminder, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Office hours are:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
Tuesday

9:00am – 4:00pm  
5:30pm – 7:30pm

# NOTICE

If you own real estate lots that were involuntarily merged by municipal action, you may be able to have those lots restored to their pre-merger status.

Your property may qualify if two or more lots were merged for zoning, assessing, or taxation purposes and the merger occurred:

- During your ownership, without your consent; or
- Prior to your ownership, if no previous owner consented to the merger.

To restore your property to pre-merger status, you must:

- Make a request to the local governing body
- No later than December 31, 2016.

Once restored:

- Your properties will once again become separate lots; however, they must still conform to applicable land use ordinances. Restoration does not cure non-conformity.

*This notice must be:*

- *Posted continuously in a public place from January 1, 2012 until December 31, 2016, and*
- *Published in the 2011 through 2015 Annual Report.*

*Read the full statute at RSA 674:39-aa Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots.*



# **TOWN OF GROTON**

## **SELECT BOARD OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Thursday: 8:00-4:00  
Friday: 8:00-12:00

**744-9190**

**744-3382** fax

[tog@roadrunner.com](mailto:tog@roadrunner.com)

[www.town-of-groton.com](http://www.town-of-groton.com)

## **SELECT BOARD MEETINGS**

Tuesday Evenings: 7:00pm

Please call 744-9190 by noon on Fridays to get on the following week's agenda.

Administrative Assistant:  
Pamela Hamel

## **TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR OFFICE HOURS**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00-4:00  
Tuesday evenings: 5:30-7:30  
All other times by appointment

Laura Hauser  
Ann Joyce – Deputy

**744-8849** (phone & fax)

[grotontownclerk@roadrunner.com](mailto:grotontownclerk@roadrunner.com)

## **TRANSFER STATION HOURS**

Wednesday: 1:00-7:00  
Saturday: 9:00-5:00  
Sunday: 12:00-6:00

**744-3623**

Transfer Station Superintendent:  
Joe Koslow  
**744-9190**

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Joseph Pivirotto

**744-3703**

**744-7894** (fax)

[grotonnhpolice@yahoo.com](mailto:grotonnhpolice@yahoo.com)

Animal Control Officer: **744-3831**

**EMERGENCY: 911**

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Road Agent: Glen Hansen

**744-3758**

